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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO

Acting Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: JUL 1 1 1973

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FROM

J. Stanley Pottinger

Assistant Attorney General

Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT:

Unknown Surjects,

Kern County Sheriff's Department,

Teamstef & Union;

Frank Trintana, Helen Chavez

Teresa Aircia Lila Mancha

Xavier Rivers, Xavier

Leonard Rodriguez - Victims Conspiracy Against Rights

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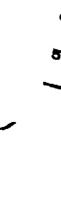
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Community Relations Service officials have provided this Division with information that about 25 Teamsters assaulted the victims while they were picketing and while Sheriff's deputies stood by and allowed the assault.

Please interview the victims to determine what knowledge they have of the incident which occurred at the John Kovacovich ranch near La Monte, California.

Particularly determine how many Kern County Sheriff's deputies were present and what actions, if any, were taken by them from the time the Teamsters arrived until the time the Teamsters left the scene.

Victims' current addresses are:



5 HUL 18 1973

- 1. Helen Chavez, and
- 2. Frank Quintana can be reached through UFW Headquarters 10913 Main Street La Monte, California 805-845-3344
- 3. Teresa Alicia



4. Lila Mancha

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5. Xavier Riveria



6. Leonard Rodriguez

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Airtel to SAC, SC RE: UNSUBS, KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TEAMSTERS UNION, FRANK QUINTANA, ET AL. - VICTIMS

NOTE: The Department requests a limited investigation concerning information by the Community Relations Service officials that 25 teamsters assaulted the victims while Sheriff's deputies stood by and allowed the assault. This instructs SC to conduct requested investigation.

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## Memorandum

(ACA)

:Acting Director Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: JUL 13 1973

:J. Stanley Pottinger Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT:Unknown Subjects, Kern County Sheriff's Department, Teamster's Union; Frank Quintana, Helen Chavez, Teresa Alicia, Lila Mancha, Xavier Rivers, Leonard Rodriguez - Victims;

> Conspiracy Against Rights CIVIL RIGHTS

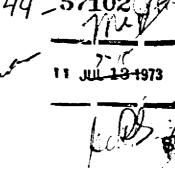
Reference is made to my memorandum dated July 1 1973.

(ACM) This Division has received the attached letter and writes that she was an eyewitness telegram. to acts of terror committed against the United Farm Workers. was telephoned by this Division and he said he was an eyewitness to property of the farm workers being damaged. He also said that he had the names of eyewitnesses to beatings of the farm workers.

Please conduct the following limited investigation:

a) Interview and of what they saw. Obtain from them names of other eyewitnesses to violence against the farm workers and interview them for details.

b) Interview all victims of violence that might be named for their version of what happened to them.



Dear attreney Feel. Richarling ack that you immediately founch an investigation of the organized acts of terrai being Committed by the Teathstus against the 4FW. dhove peenther with my own lyes - d'en a Registeral Music and have been heeping in the Crachelle Caly valley. Riese we beg you TOFFARTURNITO the Fed. Thand throughten 9 illegal graver pay- of KA Oto Teamsters officer - Vier don't get on the results -We Know you have whence -Lencerchy in Justice & Viana (PKUP)

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WASHINGTON DC

I HAVE JUST DETURNED FROM COACHELLA CALIFORNIA. I VITNESSED THERE THAT THE TEAMSTERS ARE SEEKING TO DESTROY THE UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION OF CEASAR CHAVES THROUGH VIOLENCE AND INTIMICATION. PLEASE INTERVINE AND STOP THE VICLENCE AND REQUIRE SECRET ELECTIONS SO THAT THE FARM WORKERS CAN HAVE THE UNION OF THEIR CHOICE.

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To:

SAC, Sacramento

From:

Director, FBT

UNSUBS; KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, / TEAMSTERS UNION; FRANK QUINTANA, HELEN CHAVEZ, TERESA ALICIA, LILA MANCHA, XAVIER RIVERS, LEONARD RODRIGUEZ - VICTIMS CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS CIVIL RIGHTS

ReBuairtel dated 7/13/73.

Enclosed are 2 copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated 7/13/73, with enclosures.

Complete this limited investigation in conjunction with the request of the Department forwarded to you by mirtel 7/13/73.

The Department advised that resides at The lead () ()(1) to interview her should be accompanied by any additional information in the possession of Sacramento at this time.

Enclosures (6)

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RE: UNSUBS, KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TEAMSTERS UNION, FRANK QUINTANA, ET AL. - VICTIMS

NOTE: The Department requested a limited investigation concerning information by the Community Relations Service officials that 25 teamsters assaulted the victims while Sheriff's deputies stood by and allowed the assault. This advises Sacramento that the Department has requested additional limited investigation concerning this matter,

FEDERAL BURLAN OF IN COMO TONE Mr. Felt . COMMUNICATIONS SECTION Mr. Boket . Mr. Callahan Mr. Cirveland Mr. Contad . alr. Geobordi NR 09 SC PLAIN Mr. Jenkins . Mr. Merskali 6:32 PM URGENT 7-25-73 ERD Mr. Surger Mr. Thempsen TO: DIRECTOR, FBI Mr. Violett Tele h .... LOS ANGELES Mr. Barnes Mr. BOWER. DETROIT Mr. Betington Mr. Conmy SACRAMENTO (44-542) (P) 2P FROM: Mr. Eard'ey Mrs. Hogan UNSUBS; KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT & TEAMSTERS UNION; FRANK QUINTANA, HELEN CHAVEZ, THERESA ALICIA, LILA MANCHA, XAVIER RIVERS, LEONARD GODRIGUEZ - VICTIMS. AGAINST RIGHTS - CIVIL RIGHTS. RE BUREAU AIRTEL, 7-17-73-FOR INFORMATION OF LOS ANGELS AND DETROIT, CAPTIONED AIRTEL FORWARDED DEPARTMENTAL LETTER WITH ATTACHED LETTER FROM AND TELEGRAM FROM REQUESTED INVESTIGATION OF TERROR (6)04 BEING COMMITTED BY THE TEAMSTERS UNION AGAINST UNITED FARM WORKERS. BOTH STATED THEY WERE EYE WITNESSES AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OF THE FARM WORKERS. END PAGE ONE 1 JUL 26 1973 57:101

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HE HAD EYE WITNESSES TO BEATINGS OF THE FARM WORKERS.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION REQUESTED LIMITED INVESTIGATION AS FOLLOWS:

INTERVIEW AND FOR DETAILS OF WHAT (2006)
THEY SAW. OBTAIN FROM THEM NAMES OF OTHER EYE WITNESSES TO
VIOLENCE AGAINST THE FARM WORKERS AND INTERVIEW THEM FOR DETAILS.

INTERVIEW ALL VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE THAT MIGHT BE NAMED FOR THEIR VERSION OF WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, COACHELLA, WHICH IS REFERRED TO BY BOTH AND AND IS LOCATED IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY, COVERED BY THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION. THE APPARENT ALLEGATIONS REFERRED TO BY AND OCCURRED IN COACHELLA AND ARE NOT PART OF CAPTIONED COMPLAINT.

LOS ANGELES AND DETROIT CONDUCT THE LIMITED INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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1129AM URGENT 7-26-73 CXF

TO DIRECTOR

SACRAMENTO (44-542)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-2545) (P) 2P

DAN

Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Boker \_\_\_ Mr. Cgllahon \_ Mr. Cleveland

Mr. Marshall \_ Mr. Marshall \_ Mr. Miller, E.S. Mr. Soyars \_\_\_\_ Mr. Thompson \_

Mr. Wolters
Tele. Room.

Mr. Barnes . Mr. Bowers

Mr. Herington Mr. Conmy ...

Mr. Mintr .... Mr. Eardley . Mrs. Hogan .

UNSUBS; KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TEAMSTERS UNION;
FRANK QUINTANA, ET AL - VICTIMS. CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS.
CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE SACRAMENTO TELETYPE, 7-25-73.7

RESIDENCE OF TELEPHONICALLY

CONTACTED TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT AND

STATED HIS WIFE

, AND WOULD NOT BE IN CONDITION TO BE

INTERVIEWED FOR POSSIBLY THREE WEEKS. HE WAS ADVISED OF NATURE
OF INVESTIGATION AND STATED HE AND HIS WIFE HAVE

NOT BEEN TO COACHELLA IN APPROXIMATELY FIVE YEARS. HE AND HIS
WIFE SENT LETTERS TO SENATOR ALAN CRANSTON AND DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE BACKING CAUSE OF UNITED FARM WORKERS, HOWEVER, HE DENIED
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THEY HAD ANY INFORMATION REGARDING WITNESSING

VIOLENCE AGAINST FARM WORKERS. STATED HE AND

HIS WIFE COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION WHATSOEVER

CONCERNING THIS INVESTIGATION.

UACB, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED.

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DKS FBI HQ CLR

# July 27 973 GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION The Civil Rights Division of the Department has requested interviews of 6 complainants who are members of the United Farm Workers Union (UFWU) in Kern County, California. It is alleged they have been barassed and

has requested interviews of 6 complainants who are members of the United Farm Workers Union (UFWU) in Kern County, California. It is alleged they have been harassed and intimidated in connection with various boycotts and that local officers have not provided equal protection. This could involve violation of the Civil Rights Statutes.

The attached furnishes details of efforts to locate and interview the alleged victims and apparent lack of cooperation by the legal office of the UFWU to make them readily available. On 7/26/73, over 100 UFWU pickets appeared at the Bakersfield, California, Resident Agency, to make civil rights complaints in connection with this Only one of the original 6 alleged matter. victims was in the group. The pickets were accompanied by a member of the UFWU legal office and 2 employees of the Justice Department's Community Relations Service. Pickets were orderly and no known press coverage; interviews continuing.

Matter being discussed with the Department and instructions will be issued to Sacramento.

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8:41 PM WITEL 7-26-73 ERD

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SACRAMENTO (44-542) (P) 3P

Mr. Baker Mr. Callaban

Mr. Miller, E.S.

Walters

Mr. Herington

Mr. Conmy Mr. Minte Mr. Eardley Mrs. Bogon

UNSUBS, KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TEAMSTERS UNION: FRANK QUINTANA, HELEN CHAVEZ, ET AL - VICTIMS. CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHT S. CIVIL RIGHTS. OO: SACRAMENTO.

RE BU AIRTEL DATED 7-13-73.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, JERRY COHEN, ATTORNEY FOR THE UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION (UFWLD. KEENE, CALIF. WAS CONTACTED 7-17-73 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERVIEWS OF THE SIX VICTIMS LISTED IN RE AIRTEL. HE ADVISEE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE TO HAVE ALL SIX AVAILABLE ON 7-19 OR 7-28-73.

ON 7-20-73 EFFORTS TO RE-CONTACT COHEN WERE UNSUCCESSFUI UFWU HQ AND IT WAS DETERMINED NO MESSAGES WERE LEFT BY COHENL

LEGAL OFFICE OF UFWU. LAMONT. CALIF. WAS CONTACTED REGARDING AN INTERVIEW OF THE VICTIMS. TELLER ADVISED SHE WAS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDE SERVICE WITH THE NAMES OF THE VICTIMS AND THE DETAILS OF INCIDENT AT THE JOHN KOVACOVICH RANCH ON 6-28-73. SHE ADVISED MOST VICTIMS WERE SCATTERED OR IN KERN COUNTY JAIL AND BEING ARRAIGNED SHE SUGGESTED INTERVIEWS FOR 7-23 OR 7-24-73. THE SAME DATE.

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ON 7-23-73, WAS RE-CONTACTED AND ADVISED SHE WOULD

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WITH SIX VICTIMS AVAILABLE FOR THE TO THE WERE STILL SCATTERED.

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ON 7-26-73 AT 2:15 PM, ACCOMPANIED BY GONZALO CANO AND BILL TALBERT OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT APPEARED AT THE BAKERSFIELD RA WITH OVER 100 UFWU PICKETS FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAKING STATEMENTS REGARDING CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINTS IN THE CAPTIONED MATTER. END PAGE TWO

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APPROXIMATELY HALF ARE NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING.

OF THE TOTAL NUMBER APPEARING, ONLY HELEN CHAVEZ, OF THE REQUESTED VICTIMS, APPEARED FOR AN INTERVIEW.

UFWU PICKETS CONDUCTED THEMSELVES IN AN ORDERLY MANNER AND THERE WAS NO KNOWN PRESS COVERAGE.

AT 4:48 PM, ANNOUNCED THE UFWU HAD DECIDED (6)(2)(4)
THEY WOULD NOT REMAIN FOR MORE INTERVIEWS, BUT WOULD RETURN AT
ABOUT 8:88 AM, 7-27-73 TO CONTINUE INTERVIEWS OF THOSE NOT
INTERVIEWED ON 7-26-73.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.
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10:27 PM NITEL 7-27-73 ERD

TO:

DIRECTOR. FBI

SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-542) (P) 4P

UNSUBS; KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. TEAMSTERS UNION: FRANK QUINTANA, HELEN CHAVEZ, TERESA ALICIA, LILA MANCHA, XAVIER RIVERS, LEONARD RODRIGUEZ - VICTIMS. CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS - CIVIL RIGHTS. OO: SACRAMENTO.

Mr. Feli Mr. Baker . Mr. Callhan Mr. Cleveland Mr. Conrad . Mr. Gebhordt Mr. Jonkins Mr. Marshall Mr. Miller, E.S. Mr. Soyans Mr. Thompson Mr. Walters Mr. Bowers Mr. Herington Mr. Conmy Mr. Minte \_ Mr. Eardley

RE SACRAMENTO NITEL TO BUREAU 7-26-73-7

CONTRARY TO STATEMENTS IN REFERENCED NITEL, LOCAL TELEVISION COVERAGE WAS AFFORDED THE APPEARANCES OF UNITED FARM WORKERS (UFW), PICKETS AT THE BAKERSFIELD RESIDENT AGENCY ON 7-27-73. ADVERSE PUBLICITY DEVELOPED AND NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN MADE BY UFW.

AT 7:50 A. M., 7-27-73,

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION (UFWU), LAMONT, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT UFWU PICKETS WOULD BE IN THE BAKERSFIELD RESIDENT AGENCY WITHIN ONE-HALF HOUR TO CONTINUE GIVING STATEMENTS REGARD!

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CAPTIONED MATTER. PRIOR COMMITMENTS ON 7-27-73, BY INDICATED (STYC)

THAT ABOUT 28 NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING PERSONS WOULD BE IN FOR

INTERVIEW. AT 8-24 A M, AND FIVE UFW, INCLUDING THREE

WHO SPEAK ONLY SPANISH, ARRIVED AND PROVIDED STATEMENTS. NONE

OF THE FIVE WHO ARRIVED TODAY ARE THE FIVE OUTSTANDING VICTIMS

FOR WHOM REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE FOR INTERVIEW.

THE IMPORTANCE FOR INTERVIEW OF THESE FIVE VICTIMS WAS

STRESSED TO SHE ADVISED SHE FELT THE 15 OR 20 WITNESSES (6)(1) P

WHO OBSERVED THE INCIDENTS WOULD SUFFICE.

SHE ADVISED THAT THE CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF VICTIM XAVIER RIVERS IS UNKNOWN; HOWEVER, HE IS SOMEWHERE IN TEXAS.

THE TERMINATION OF THIS FACET OF THE DISCUSSION,

AT TODAYS MEETING, REQUESTED COPIES OF STATEMENTS (SY)(C)
FROM EACH INTERVIEW FOR UFWU FILES, INCLUDING NOTES FROM ONE
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INTERVIEW FROM WHICH NO STATEMENT WAS APPROPRIATE. HER REQUEST

WAS DENIED AND IT WAS TACTFULLY EXPLAINED THAT COPIES OF THE

STATEMENTS WOULD BE PROVIDED ONLY TO THE INTERVIEE ON HIS

SPECIFIC REQUEST.

BECAME UPSET AND STATED THE FBI WAS (b)(c)

TOO WRAPPED UP IN RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND THAT, "NO ONE

HAS THE GUTS TO JUST GIVE IN TO ME".

THEN SLAMMED THE

DOOR AND LEFT THE BAKERSFIELD RESIDENT AGENCY.

IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT ON 7-26-73, BROUGHT IN (B)(C)(E)
PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY UFWU DURING CAPTIONED INCIDENT, BUT REFUSED
TO MAKE THEM AVAILABLE BECAUSE ALL COPIES ARE NECESSARY TO THEIR
FILES. NEITHER WOULD SHE PERMIT THEM OUT OF HER CUSTODY TO BE
DUPLICATED BY THE FBI.

ON 7-27-73, ADVISED SHE IS NOW AGREEABLE TO PROVIDING (SYNC)
A COPY OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS, AND WILL HAVE ONE COPY DUPLICATED
AND FURNISHED SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.
END PAGE THREE

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ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS ARE STILL IN PROCESS AND ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN THE BAKERSFIELD RESIDENT AGENCY; HOWEVER, THE NUMBER IS UNKNOWN BECAUSE NONE OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS BY UFWU HAVE MATERIALIZED ACCORDING TO ANTICIPATED PREARRANGED INTERVIEWS.

NO EFFORTS ARE BEING EXPENDED BY FBI AGENTS TO LOCATE THE FIVE VICTIMS, FOUR OF WHOM ARE MOST CERTAINLY LOCATED ON THE PICKET LINES, BECAUSE IT IS FELT TO DO SO WOULD BE TOTALLY UNDESIRABLE. AGENTS WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO WORK THROUGH THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT OF UFWU, TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW THE CAPTIONED WITNESSES.

ADMINISTRATIVE. IT IS THE IMPRESSION OF THE INTERVIEWING AGENTS AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA, THAT THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED TO INTERVIEW TO DATE, HAVE CONDUCTED THEMSELVES IN A GENTLEMANLY MANNER; HOWEVER, IT IS FLET THAT THEY ARE BEING USED BY UFWU LEGAL OFFICE, WHO HAVE BEEN MOST DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH TO DATE.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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Mr. Baker Mr. Callahan Mr. Cleveland 4. Conrad Mr. Gebbard: JUL 3 1 1973 Mr. Jenkins Mr. Marshail Mr. Sovers Mr. Thompson Mr. Walters 655 PM URGENT 7-31-73 WCH Conny CRAMENTO (44-542) LABOR DISPUTE BETWEEN UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION AND TEAMSTER UNION KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, 7-31-73. CIVIL DISTURBANCE. AT 1:30 P.M.. 7-31-73. UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION (UFWU), LAMONT, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED **д**17 SHE WANTS TO ALERT FBI THEY WILL BE FILING ADDITIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINTS AS SOON AS THEY CAN REGROUP ADVISED THAT SOME OF HER PEOPLE WERE BEATEN THIS MORNING BY KERN COUNTY SO DEPUTIES WHILE PICKETING AT ROAD NEAR HIGHWAY 58. EAST OF RANCH ON PANAMA A CONFRONTATION DEVELOPED AT THE NALBA ROAD NEAR VINELAND BETWEEN THE TEAMSTERS UNION AND UFWO AND SHE ADVISED THE KERN COUNTY SO REFUSED TO ACCEPT COMPLAINTS ON THE SPOT OR TO RECOGNIZE CIPIZENS SARREST cc - Phillips

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FROM

DIRECTOR

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ADVISED SHE HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE TO BE PRESENT AT (L) BOTH SITES AND WAS MACED AT THE LATTER SITE WHILE TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS. ADDITIONALLY, SHE ADVISED UFWU WILL BE HOLDING A PRESS CONFERENCE IN FRONT OF THE KERN COUNTY JAIL APPROXIMATELY 2:00 PM.

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AT APPROXIMATELY 2:45 PM, UFWU HELD PRESS CONFERENCE (PX)(c) NEAR KERN COUNTY JAIL ENTRANCE, HEADED BY UFWU ATTORNEY CONFERENCE WAS ATTENDED BY VARIOUS MEMBERS OF TELEVISION STATED THIS IS SHAPING UP TO BE ANOTHER SELMA, ALABAMA, AND DEMANDED PRIVATE CITIZENS GO OUT TO OBSERVE ACTIVITIES OF THE KERN COUNTY SO TO FORCE THEM TO DO THEIR JOB. STATED THAT 38 UFWU PICKETS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED TODAY OF (P)(1)(P) WHICH IS HAVE BEEN BEATEN.

EARLIER TODAY

ADVISED THAT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS 236 COMMISSIONED OFFICERS. OF WHICH OVER 180 ARE ASSIGNED TO THE END PAGE TWO

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STRIKE DETAIL. ALL VACATIONS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED AND EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO CARRY ON BUSINESS AS NORMAL AS POSSIBLE.

DIFFERENT SITES TODAY AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN KERN COUNTY IN THE AREAS OF ARVIN, LAMONT, BAKERSFIELD, WASCO, AND DELANO, CALIFORNIA, WHICH SPANS A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 70 MILES. PICKETS AT EACH SITE VARY FROM ABOUT 30 TO 200. UFWU PICKETS IN KERN COUNTY TODAY ARE ESTIMATED TO BE IN EXCESS OF 2,100.

AS OF 2:00 PM, APPROXIMATELY 30 TO 35 UFWU PICKETS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR VARIOUS CHARGES, INCLUDING TRESPASSING, ASSAULT, RESISTING, AND MALISCIOUS MISCHIEF.

ADVISED THAT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS STRAINED TO THE LIMIT AND 50 CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED THROUGH THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA.

ADVISED THAT DURING INITIAL INCIDENT TODAY AT END PAGE THREE

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GUIMARRA RANCH ON EDISON ROAD, UFWU PICKETS ATTEMPTED TO PROVOKE DEPUTIES INTO A SHOOTING. PICKETS ATTACKED WORKERS IN THE FIELD, WHICH STARTED CONFUSION. AT THAT POINT, PICKETS THREW CHERRY BOMB FIRECRACKERS INTO CROWD SIMULATING SHOOTING. ONE DEPUTY SUFFERED A LACERATED ARM DURING THIS MELEE. ONE PICKET ATTEMPTED TO STEAL GUN FROM ONE DEPUTY SHERIFF BUT WAS STOPPED BY ANOTHER DEPUTY WHEN HE STRUCK HIM ACROSS THE ARM WITH HIS NICHTSTICK, CAUSING HIM TO DROP THE GUN IN THE ROAD; HOWEVER, THE PICKET ESCAPED INTO THE CROWD.

FROM TWO SEPARATE PATROL CARS HAVE BEEN BROKEN OUT BY PICKETS AND TIRES SLASHED ON AT LEAST ONE PATROL CAR. ADDITIONALLY, DEPUTY SHERIFFS WERE VICTIMS OF ROCKS THROWN BY NUMEROUS PERSONS ON THE PICKET LINE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT TIRES WERE SLASHED ON AT LEAST ONE PATROL CAR DURING YESTERDAY'S ACTIVITIES.

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NR 005 SC PLAIN

PM NITEL 8-1-73 WCH

DIRECTOR TO

-SACRAMENTO (44-542) (P)

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Mr. Thompson

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Mr. Eastley

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KERN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT. TEAMSTERS UNION: FRANK QUINTANA. ET AL DASH VICTIMS. CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS, CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE SACRAMENTO NITEL TO THE BUREAU, 7-30-73. CONTACT WITH USWU, LEGAL OFFICE, LAMONT, (6)(1)(C)

CALIFORNIA, ON 7-31-73, DISCLOSES THEY HAVE NOT YET LOCATED TERESA ALICIA, XAVIER RIVERA, AND LEONARD RODRIGUEZ.

ON 8-1-73, EFFORTS TO RECONTACT BECAUSE OF HER OCCUPATION IN PICKET ACTIVITIES OF USWU.

TO DATE 25 USWU REPRESENTATIVES WHO OBSERVED ACTIVITIES AT THE JOHN KOVACEVICH RANCH ON JUNE 28, 1973 HAVE PROVIDED SIGNED STATEMENTS. OF THE 25 STATEMENTS THREE ARE VICTIMS.

AT PRESENT, USWU IS ENGAGED IN HEAVY PICKETING OF RA IN FRESNO, TULARE, AND KERN COUNTIES. SPONIANEOUS VIOLENCE HAS OCCURRED AT VARIOUS PICKET SITES.

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IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT SITUATION AND THE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS OF USWU TO LOCATE THE THREE REMAINING VICTIMS, ACTIVE EFFORTS ARE NOT BEING MADE TO LOCATE THE VICIMS BY THE FBI. HOWEVER THEY WILL BE INTERVIEWED IF THEY SHOULD APPEAR AT THE BAKERSFIELD RA.

UACB, REPORT IS BEING SUBMITTED ON BASIS OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO DATE WHICH WILL NOT INCLUDE THREE VICTIMS.

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#### ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU

Two (2) copies each of line photographs taken by UFWU photographer on 6/28/73.

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AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA. Will report results of investigation from Detroit which was requested in referenced Sacramento nitel to Bureau, dated 7/25/73.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:

Kern County Sheriff's Department,

Teamsters Union:

FRANK QUINTANA - VICTIM:

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LILA MANCHA - VICTIM: JAVIER RIVERA - VICTIM;

LEONARD RODRIGUEZ - VICTIM

#### Synopsis:

Twenty-five signed statements obtained from United Farm Workers Union (UFWU) pickets who witnessed and were part of altercation between UFWU and Teamsters Unions at John Kovacevich Ranch. 6/28/73, Lamont, California. Copies of also set forth. One deputy (b)(b) sheriff and one unarmed deputy were on duty at scene at time of altercation. Reinforcements responded to radio call for help by deputy when altercation started. All 28 teamsters who were on the scene submitted to arrest by Kern County Sheriff's Department and were booked into Kern County Jail. Four UFWU pickets were transported to Kern General Hospital, Bakersfield, California, for medical attention. Medical information set forth. AUSA, Fresno, California, desires no further investigation.

#### **ENCLOSURES:**

TO AUSA, FRESNO

One (1) set of five photographs taken by

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United Farm Workers Union (UFWU) photographer on 6/28/73, at the John Kovacevich Ranch on Wheeler Ridge Road near David Road, Lamont, California.

#### DETAILS:

This report contains the results of a <u>limited</u> investigation.

JERRY COHEN, Attorney for the United Farm Workers Union (UFWU), Keene, California, was contacted July 17, 1973, to make arrangements for interviews of the six captioned victims. He advised arrangements would be made to have all six available on July 19, or 20, 1973.

On July 20, 1973, efforts to recontact COHEN were unsuccessful at UFWU headquarters, and it was determined no messages were left by COHEN.

On July 20, 1973, Legal Office of UFWU, Lamont, California, was contacted regarding an interview of the victims. Advised she was the individual who provided the Community Relations Service with the names of the victims and the details of the incident at the John Kovacovich Ranch on June 28, 1973. She advised most victims were scattered or in Kern County Jail and being arraigned the same date. She suggested interviews for July 23, or 24, 1973.

On July 23, 1973, was recontacted and advised she would have the six victims available at 2:00 P.M., July 24, 1973, but insisted on at least 15 to 20 other interviews. She also advised all had been instructed not to submit to interviews by anyone except the UFWU legal office.

On July 24, 1973, stated she had been (b) (c) unable to gather victims because they were still scattered. suggested interviews for 2:00 P.M., July 25, 1973, but consented to 12:00 noon.

On July 25, 1973, stated she had received orders to make the victims available for interview on July 26, 1973, at 2:00 P.M. She stated they could not come in earlier because they did not get off the picket lines until 12:00 noon. She stated 15 to 20 persons would be in for interview.

On July 26, 1973, at 2:15 P.M. accompanied by CONZALO CANO and BILL TALBERT of the Community Relations Service of the Justice Department appeared at the Bakersfield Resident Agency with over 100 UFWU pickets for the purposes of making statements regarding civil rights complaints in the captioned matter.

Approximately half were non-English speaking.

Of the total number appearing, only HELEN CHAVEZ of the requested victims appeared for an interview.

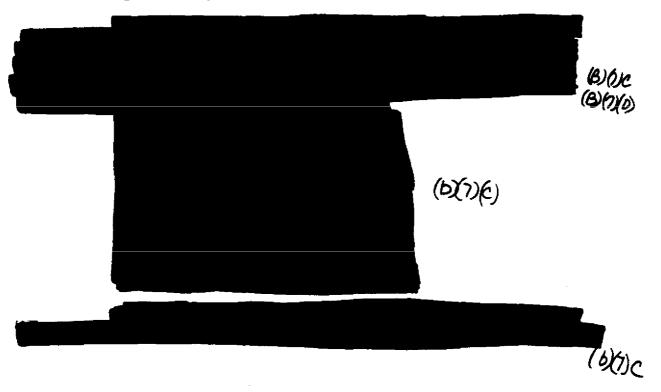
At 4:40 P.M., announced the UFWU (b)(r)(c) had decided they would not remain for more interviews but would return at about 8:00 A.M., July 27, 1973, to continue interviews of those not interviewed on July 26, 1973.

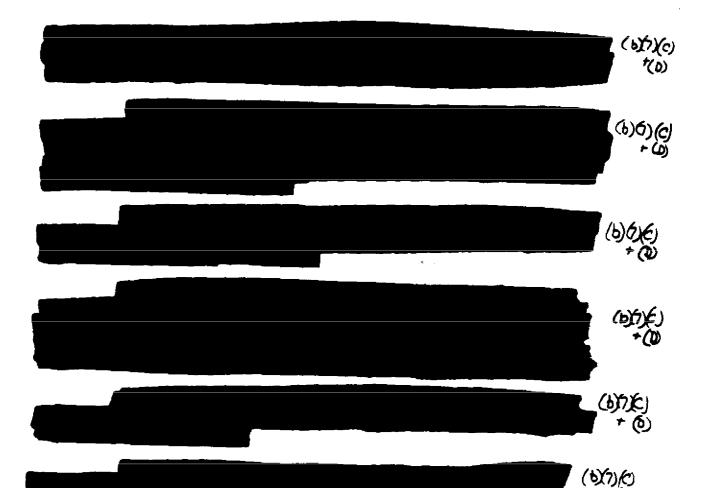
On July 27, 1973, six additional members of UFWU appeared in Bakersfield Resident Agency and provided signed statements. None of those who appeared were among the six requested victims.

On July 30, 1973, made available (b()(c) Victims FRANK QUINTANA and LILA MANCHA. She advised she had determined that XAVIER RIVERA had departed for Texas and his whereabouts are unknown. She also advised she had been unable to locate Victims TERESA ALICIA and LEONARD RODRIGUEZ; however, she will continue efforts to locate and bring them in for interview.

On July 31, 1973, was recontacted at  $(bYX^c)$  which time she advised she had been unable to locate the victims.

On August 1, 1973, efforts to contact at (NIXC)
UFWU headquarters, Lamont, California, determined that was working on the picket lines for UFWU.





available the attached reports from his office which deal with an incident involving the Teamsters Union and the UFWU on Wheeler Ridge Road at the John Kovacevich Ranch near Lamont, California, on June 28, 1973.



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the picket site of John Kovacevich Ranch where the altercation developed between the teamsters and UFWU. Immediately after the teamsters attacked the UFWU pickets,

went directly to the scene. As a result, all 28 teamsters were arrested within minutes and transported to the Kern County Jail.



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On July 26, 1973, advised she has a group of photographs taken by the UFWU photographer on the morning of June 28, 1973, at scene of captioned incident. She refused to provide any photographs.

On July 27, 1973, advised she had provided pertinent photographs to the Kern County District Attorney's Office in Bakersfield and was agreeable to providing them to the FBI. She advised she could not let her copy out of her custody but would provide a copy during the following week.

On July 30, 1973, BILL SKINNER, Investigator, Kern County District Attorney's Office, Bakersfield, provided five negatives of photographs. SKINNER advised that a representative of UFWU had briefly loaned his office these five photographs for the purpose of copying with instructions to provide a copy to the FBI. SKINNER advised a copy had been made for the FBI but did not turn out thus he is providing the negatives made when the photographs were copied.

SKINNER advised his office will use these photographs to assist in identifying responsible parties at the assault on UFWU pickets on June 28, 1973.

#### AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA





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	advised he wanted to furnish information as follows:
	On June 27, 1973, betained information that 30 or so teamsters had come into the area and had gone to one of the picket lines at Roberts Farms on Malaga Road between DiGiorgio Road and Buena Vista Road. He also heard from a picket captain on the scene, that (b)(c) teamsters had torn down one of UFWU loudspeaker systems.
j	As a result of this, he became fearful of increased activity by the teamsters and went to of the Kern County Sheriff's Office in Lamont, California, asking for protection and explaining to him about the teamsters coming into the area, of which he said he was aware.
	men to deploy and referred him to his superiors. Later the same day, he telephonically contacted in Bakersfield and asked him for protection where they had pickets at ranches who had signed contracts with the teamsters. The sheriff said he does not have enough people to cover all of the picket lines, and told him that was his problem. Said he did not have enough picket captains for the picket lines and that was problem. The sheriff did not commit himself to anything but stated the UFWU wants protection, the growers want protection and the teamsters want protection. The sheriff said he did not have enough men to furnish protection to everyone and this terminated the conversation.
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specific information regarding violent acts by the teamsters at the John Kovacevich Ranch on June 28, 1973, that he himself witnessed but felt the above information is pertinent.

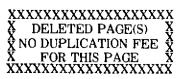
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On August 2, 1973, instant matter was discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney (AUSA) THOMAS T. COURIS, Eastern District of California (EDC), Fresno, California. He advised he does not desire further investigation at this point. He also advised he does not feel this case has any prosecutive merit with respect to the Kern County Sheriff's Office.

COURIS advised he is desirous of receiving instant report and reviewing with regard to conspiracy by the Teamsters Union after which he will furnish his views directly to the Department of Justice.

COURIS further advised he does not feel that further efforts to locate and interview the three victims who have not appeared are warranted in view of the statements taken and the unsuccessful efforts to locate them to date.

On June 28, 1973, 28 individuals associated with the Teamsters Union were arrested by the Kern County Sheriff's Office and booked into the Kern County Jail, Bakersfield, California.

JOSEPH JOHNSON, Chief Investigator, Kern County District Attorney's Office, Bakersfield, advised on August 6, 1973, that due to the lack of cooperation in general by the UFWU, 17 of these individuals arrested had to be released without charge. At the present time, 11 Teamster members are still under charge, and cases involving six have been presented to a county grand jury; however, results of the grand jury's decision, if any, have not been made public. It is expected that five of the 11 will not be presented to a grand jury in the future and that five of the six cases presented will probably be dismissed resulting in only one indictment.

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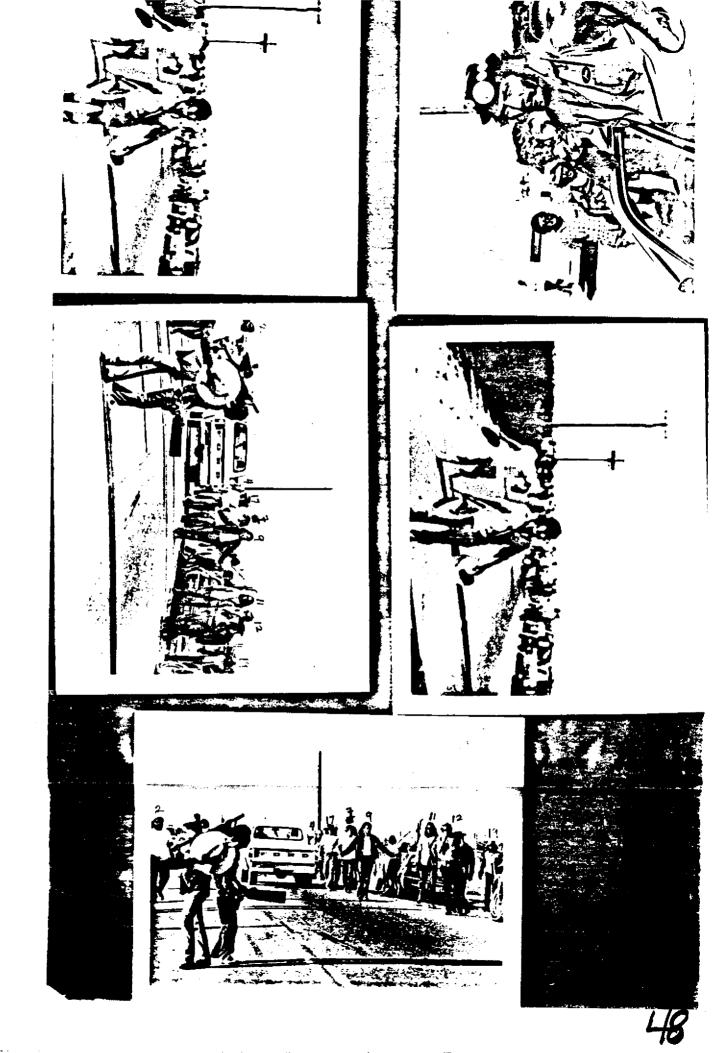
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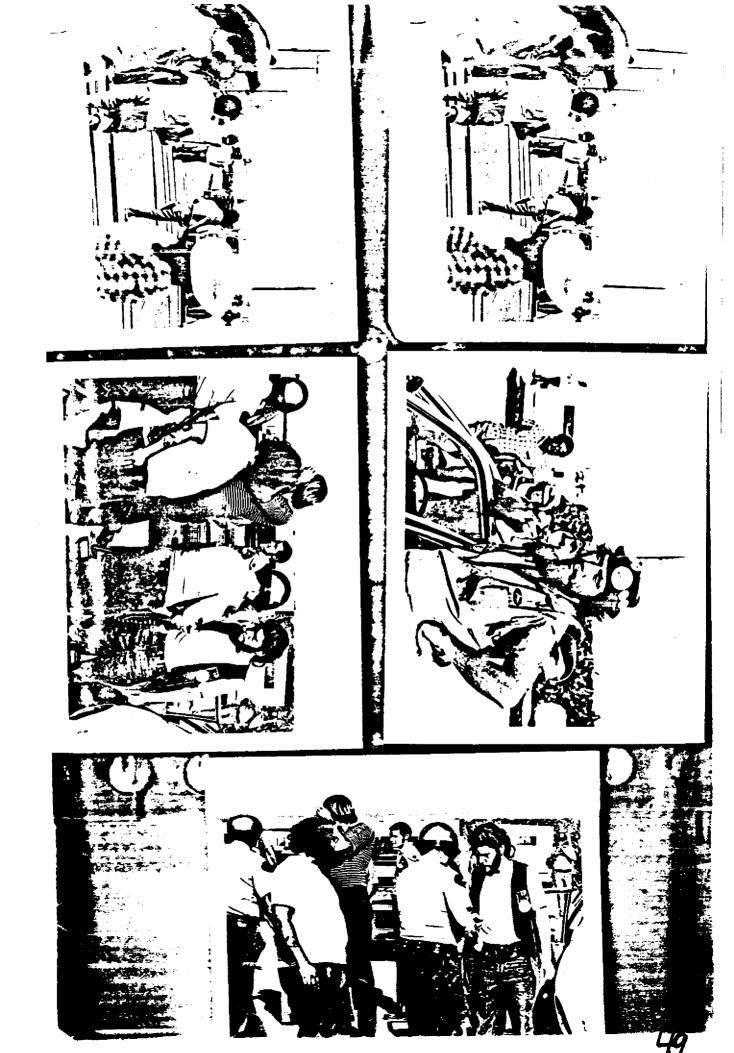
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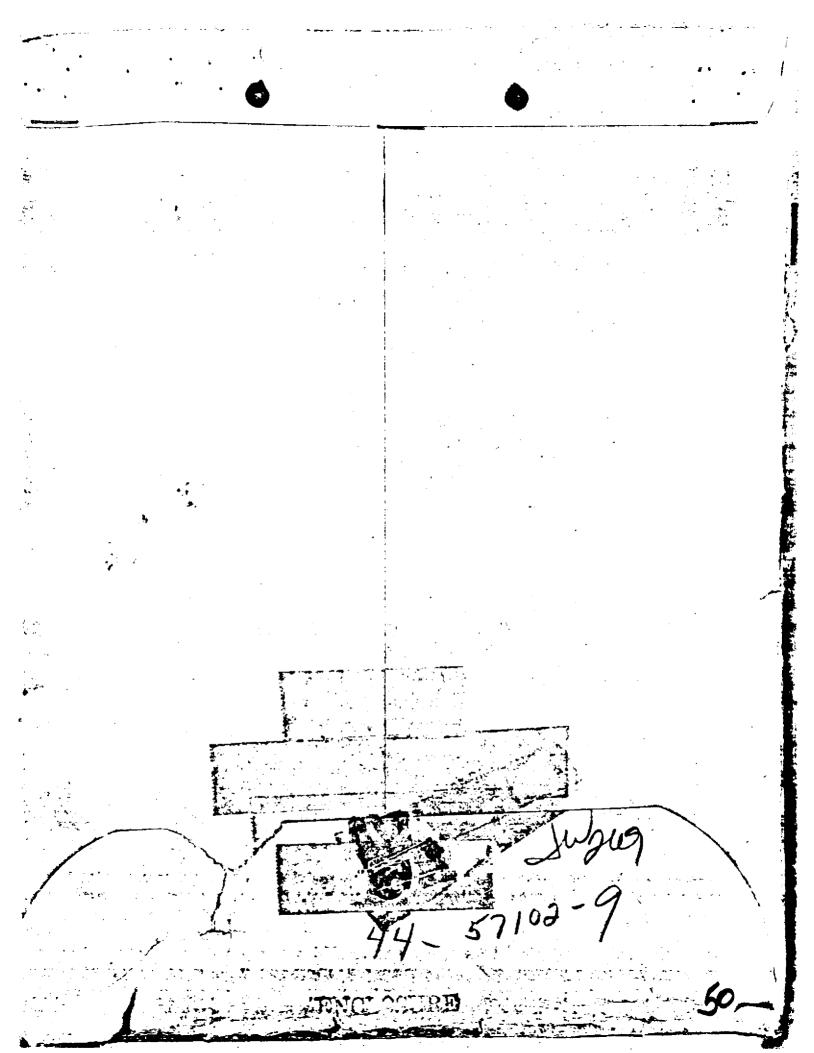
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## Memorandum

то : Director

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FROM

J. Stanley Pottinger

Assistant Attorney General

Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT:

SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects,

Kern County Sheriff's Department,

Teamster's Union:

Frank\Quintana, Helen Chavez,

Teresa Alicia, Lila Mancha,

Xavier Rivers,

Leonard Rodriguez - Victims Conspiracy Against Rights

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Reference is made to our memorandum dated July 11, 1973 to you.-\

Officials of the Community Relations Service have provided this Division with the twelve attached affidavits from persons present during the incident.

Please conduct the following additional investigation:

1. Interview the following twelve persons to determine what actions, if any, were taken by Kern County Sheriff's Deputies and Delano Private Patrol Officers before, during and after the incident. In this connection, note that the attached affidavits of these victims detail specific knowledge of the actions of deputies and/or Delano Patrol Officers:

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1. Kathleen Murgula

7. David Tamez

2. Charlene Nicholie

8. Beatrice Morales

-3. Arnulfo Mancha

9. Mike Abapu

4. Salvador Monafrez

10. George Acosta

5. Salvador Monarrez, Jr. / 11.

11. Alberto Blanco

-6. Larry Bacus

12. Consuelo Blanco

Also determine if any of these twelve persons had conversations with police or deputies at the scene and ascertain details of those conversations.

- 2. Obtain copies of any police reports or arrest records arising out of this incident.
- 3. Determine what type of equipment Delano Private Patrol Officers are authorized to use, and what training, if any, they are required to receive before carrying such weapons.
- 4. Interview Marty Bozina for knowledge he has of the incident. In this connection note that Victims Alberto and Consuelo Blanco mention that Bozina arrived shortly before teamsters arrived and talked to law enforcement officials throughout the melee. Determine if Bozina had any prior knowledge that teamsters were coming to the ranch and if so ascertain how he came to know this.
- 5. Determine what Sheriff's Deputies and Delano Patrol Officers were present and interview them for knowledge they might have of incident.



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NOTE: CRD, USDJ, requested additional investigation of allegations that victims were assaulted by members of the Teamsters Union while deputies of the Kern County Sheriff's Office stood by. This request included the interview of 12 persons; however, 6 of these had previously been interviewed; therefore, Sacramento is being instructed not to conduct those again.

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Six people from Michigan made up the CCMA Task Force that traveled to the Coachella Valley to understand the full implications of the Teamster-United Farm Worker dispute. The members of the Tosk Force were the following: Rev. Peter Dougherty, Catholic Campus Ministry, Eastern Michigan University; Pamela Lemerand, student, Wayne State University; Sr. Joan Tirak, Catholic Campus Ministry, Eastern Michigan University; Stephanie Dabrowski, student, Wayne State University; Marie Parker, student, Eastern Michigan University; Rev. Reynard Kinkel, Catholic Campus Ministry, Wayne State University.

On April 15, 1973, the Teamsters
Union announced that it signed contracts with a majority of the table
grape growers in the Coachella Valley
(California). These growers produce
85% of the valley's table grapes. For the
past three years these growers had been
under contract with Cesar Chavez' United
farm Workers' Union. One of the first
goals of our Task Force was to find out
why the UFW was dumped and why the Teamsters were able to move in and take over
as the field workers' representative.

#### Beginning of the Story

Last December at a convention of the American farm Bureau, Teamster Pres. Frank Fitzsimmons proposed an alliance between organized labor and agribusiness to fight Chavez and "his revolutionaries" (NEWSWEEK, May 21, 1973). Incidentally, the Chavez-led UFW is 30,000 members strong.

Within months the Teamsters turned their attention to the table grape growers of California. Since this is a \$200 million dollar a year industry, one can understand why the Teamsters would head in this direction.

For an overview as to where the table grape vineyards are in California, this three part division seems helpful:

- A) Coachella Valley 10% of grape indus.
- B) Arvin-Lemont 30% of grape indus.
  C) Delano 60% of grape indus.

The UFW has called strikes in the Coachella Valley and the Arvin-Lamont area since most of the growers in these place have signed with the Teamsters. Right no almost 40% of the table grape industry has signed up with the Teamsters; contracts in the Delano area do not expire until the end of July, 1973.

At first the Teamsters concentrated o southern California's Coachella Valley. With the UFW contract due to expire on April 14, 1973, Teamster organizers went into the fields and by March 1, 1973, they proclaimed to the growers that they had more than 4,100 signatures of field workers who claimed they wanted to be represented by the Teamsters. They were saying, in effect, that they "decertified" the UFW union and established them selves (Teamsters) as the farm workers' representative in the table grape industry.

#### Some Problems with the Teamster Claims

Because of the above there are some serious problems with the latest Teamster move against the UFU.

A. There are serious questions about the legitimacy and authenticity of the eignatures gathered by the Teamsters. NEUS-WEEK's Peter Greenberg (May 21, 1973) discovered upon examining the signatures that many were remarkably similar. The UFW legal department is taking declarations under oath from many workers whose names appear on the Teamster satisfact.

This is the kind of evidence the UFW has in its legal case against the Teamsters.

A farmworker: "First off, I do not wish to be represented the Teamsters and secondly, I never signed that petition. My name is there, but it is not my signature. I would never sign a petition like that. I am angered that someone else would put my name on a petition like that. I am and always have been a loyal "Chavista" and do not want the Teamsters at all." -- a worker from H & M Tennece.

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The UFW will bring a legal case against the Teamsters, claiming that they forged many farm worker names to their so-called list of 4,100! Second, the UFW will show that the Teamsters used force to get people to sign a petition saying they wanted to be represented by the Teamsters Union.

It should be pointed out here that the growers are not completely free from blame. All the growers in the Coachella Valley, except Steinberg and Larson, signed with the Teamsters. Whether the growers who signed with the Teamsters cooperated in the above mentioned improper activity, we probably will never know. In the end we will see that all parties—growers, Teamsters and UFW—made mistakes.

As far as the UFW is concerned, no matter what the courts do, (justice grinds exceedingly slowly at times) the future of their union is at stake. They cannot wait for court decisions. Right now the Teamsters have 85% of the Coachella Valley table grape contracts. As tough Ralph Cotner of the Teamsters puts it: "We've got no reasons to leave. We got the workers...and we're gonna keep 'em." So, the UFW has called an all out strike-boycott of Coachella Valley Teamster grapes. We will report later on about the present status of the strike and how effective it has been.

B. One last thing about Teamster statistics and techniques. NEWSWEEK (May 21, 1973) reported that by March 1, 1973, the Teamsters asserted they had more than 4,100 signatures of farm workers who maintained they wanted the Teamsters as their union. At that time, however, there were not that many field workers in the grape cineyards! To be certain of this, on June 20, 1973, we contacted floyd Marlowe, Farm Worker Representative, Calif. Dept. of Human Resources Development. He

said that on March 30, 1973, his records show that there were 500 farm Lorkers in the grapes. Pre-harvest work of thirring was being done and hence not that many workers were in the Coachella Valley at that time.

How\did the Teamsters get the 4,100 names they have on their list? No one seems to know and they are not telling. At this writing (June 22) Mr. Marlous says there are 3900 field workers in the grapes. There are 1,000 strikers. Hence there are approximately 4,900 farm workers in the Valley at this time. 1,000 of the 4,900 are UFW strikers; another 800 are UFW farm workers employed by Larson and Steinberg, the two growers in the

Coachella Valley that signed with Cesar Chavez. That leaves 3,100 farm workers in the fields of growers with Teamster contracts. Are all these workers committed to the Teamsters? Increasingly we are finding by talking to "Teamster" farm workers that they need money. They are poor people and the grape harvest is one of the ways they can make some money to keep them going. Many support Cesar Chavez and the UFW. We cannot begin to speculate as to how the Teamsters got their figure of 4,100. But we co have some leads. The following declaration was given under oath:

I have been working for the -----Company for the last 6 years. Until
Monday, the 16th of April, I worked under UFW contract. Two times the Teamsters came to our fields before the UFW contract expired. They asked me to sign a piece of paper whereby I would support the new Teamster contract. I told them I didn't want to sign because I was already represented by the union of Cesar Chavez. I saw that the majority of the other people who were working with me didn't want to sign.

On Monday, April 16, the UFW contract expired. The next day -----, our foreman, instead of sending us to work, told us to stay in the camp. He said that we would be paid that day even though we didn't work. A little bit later, the Teamsters arrived. Jerry ----- the boss of the camp, was there when the tractions. Ere of the Teams to keep working. I didn't went to sion, but I

have a family. I have rked there for six years and I was afraid if I lost my job there I wouldn't be able to find work anywhere else. So hand to sign. I think that a lot of people signed because they were also afraid of losing their jobs.

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Because of this kind of confusion and deception, a poll of about 1,000 field workers in 31 fields in the Coachella Valley was taken on April 10, 1973. Floyd Marlowe estimates that there were between 1,200 and 1,600 field workers in the grapes at that time. Hence this poll of approximately 1,000 would semingly be rather valid. A committee of 25 civic, religious and labor leaders helped to take this poll. Msgr. George Higgins, U.S. Catholic Conference, was a member

of the committee. The results of the poll were as follows:

795 votes for UFW 8D votes for Teamsters 78 votes for no union

- C. Some conclusions. From the foregoing the following conclusions seem warranted:
- 1) The UFW is the choice of the field workers.
- 2) The Teamsters through various means tried to make the public think that they are the choice of the field workers.
- 3) The Teamsters are the choice of the growers. Some theories as to why the Teamsters want to organize field workers and why the growers prefer the Teamsters will be dealt with later.
- 4) Bluntly, the growers want one union (Teamsters) and the field workers want another (UFW). The growers signed with the Teamsters without respect to the wishes of the workers. This is o.k. if we subscribe to the philosophy that the the employer determines what union will represent the workers. However, if in this situation we use the model of organized labor the following would occur:
- a) A rival or raiding union (the Teamsters in this case) on claiming to represent the workers previously under contract with another union (UFW)
- b) must have workers file for a "decertification" election in which through secret ballot, the workers determine the union of their choice.

The most sensible thing to do now in the Coachella Velley is not to side with

the Tea \_ ≥s (we have 4,100 votes!); po should we say categorically that we are on the figle of the UFW (we have the support of the workers). Rather, to solve this whole problem there should be secret elections supervised by a third can ty. We feel from the facts we have seen ' the UFW would win, since they do have the support of the field workers. But this is not to say there is no dissatisfaction or opposition to Cesar Chavez by some field workers. However, we feel the majority of the workers are on his side. 5) A final conclusion about the pact the Teamsters have with the growers in the Coachella Valley. The contract was signed with little or no discussion with

farm workers. Farm workers did not determine the content. Subsequently, they did not ratify the contract which was signed by the Teamsters and the growers. This is a clear indication that the issue in the table grape dispute of 1973 is essentially the same as the dispute in the late 60's. That is, whether or not farm workers can have a union of their own which is governed by the rank and file and not by a few outsiders and "big brothers" who feel they know what is best for the workers.

## The Present Situation of the Strike in the Coachella Valley

Because of the circumstances surrounding the grower-Teamster pact, the UFU has called a strike-boycott of all Cozchella Valley grapes picked by the Teamsters. There are about 1,000 UFW strikers, as was reported by the local press when our task force visited the valley. Floyd Marlowe, a State of California official, confirmed this figure and said there are 3,900 farm workers in the grapes; 800 of these are working under UFW contracts. That means that approximately 3,500 farmworkers belong to the Teamster work force, a figure that is disputed by UFL official: They claim that about 2,200 people are actually working under the Teamster contract Numerous sources in Coachella have told us that 4,500 farm workers are needed at the peak of the grape season to bring in the harvest. At present, the grouped are at the peak of their harvest and of coording to these equations the gar was more. have sufficient workers to do the job. However, the growers claim they are getting the crop horvested. ' e www. have to

wait and see who is right.

The following points my to be kept in mind if the is to understall: fully why the strike exists.

A. At the heart of the grower-Teamster /UFW dispute is the issue of the hiring hall. The UFW maintains that the hiring hall is essential in order to check grower exploitation of the farm worker.

The background on this issue has to do with the propers' practice of using a "labor contractor" to get the field workers to bring in the harvest. The UFW has always fought against the presence of the labor contractor (or its equivalent); thus the labor contractor vs. the

hiring hall was the major bone of contention between the growers and the UFW.

How does the labor contractor operate in theory? Suppose a grower needs 200 field workers. Most likely he will have 4 labor contractors whose job it will be to get 50 workers to do the work in the fields. In this system many abuses can dovelop and have developed over the years.

In the past labor contractors would be paid a lump sum by the grower; the labor contractor would then pay the farm worker out of his pocket. Hence he could maintain the "power of the purse." He could ask for a payoff for giving someone a job \_\_as well as a percentage of the farm worker's wages. If a woman is asking for a job, she may have to do the labor contractor a "favor" or two. Labor contractors -have been know to hire only young men (20 to 40 years of age) whom they could force to work fast and thus get the most out of the wages they pay. Thus women and older men would be discriminated against. Certainly there would always be the problem of the labor contractor hiring only his favorites.

To make sure that these abuses would cease the UFW has demanded in its contracts that there be a hiring hall; the workers receive jobs through a seniority system. A person's seniority in the UFW is determined according to how long one has been a member of the union.

Suppose a grower needs 200 workers to pick grapes. He would send this request to the UFW hiring hall in Coachella. The cutrkers are then dispatched to the grower canionity. The grows will usually have a foreman for every 50 men

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whose task foris To assign work and coordinate the effo. is of the crew. He has no authority to hire. Growers complain . that the him hall cannot work, and this they maintain, was the major reason why they refused to sign again with Cesar Chavez. The Teamsters did not push the idea of the hiring hall in their contract and so the growers signed with them. The deal the Teamsters made with the growers has been called in the media a "sweetheart contract." We can see exactly what this means in relation to the labor contractor. The Teamster-grower contract is a sweetheart deal in the sense that the union (Teamsters) has sold out the workers by negotiatiing a contract for the good

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of the employers and not the workers, e.g., labor contractor issue.

The UFW maintains that the Teamster "foreman" is the equivalent of the labor contractor, and hence there are the same old abuses creeping in. The growers on the other hand say there is no substance to this charge and that the role of the foreman is to provide field workers and coordinate work efforts.

\$1.6 Million from Meany

B. To fight the growers and the Teamsters the UFW has been given \$1.6 million for strike benefits by George Meany, AFL-CIO chief. Each person on strike is given \$90 per week (the strike breakers in the fields are making about \$120 per week). Those on strike do more than just sit home and collect pay checks. All strikers meet at the local Coachella park at 4:30 a.m. daily. Picket captains group the strikers who then begin to set out in caravans of cars and buses to the fields of the growers. Their aim is to arrive at the entrances of the fields before the scabs, where the UFW strikers talk to them and encourage them to join the "huelga"(strike). Each picket line is equipped with a loud speaker and so throughout the morning UFW leaders telk to the workers in the fields, asking them to come out and join their brothers and sisters on the picket line. Work in the field ends around 11.00 e.m. or 12:00 noon. (The sugar content in the grapes is reduced with the 115° temperatures, and therefore picking must end until the following day). After the scare lead the fields they are followed to the work camp by UFW representatives, and further

discussions about the strike take up the early part of the afterno . round 5:00 o.m. there usually is a strategy meeting in the park and then it is name for supper and early to bed-morning comes fast. When we left the Coachella Valley June 23 the spirits of the strikers were high and they did not appear discouraged despite the obstacles that they were facing.

E. Why do many remain in the fields and work, even though they know there is Cesar Chavez-led strike?

It has been said that no strike among field workers could be successful and at ₹ times, perhaps the UFW wonders if this is true. Mexico is only an hour's drive from Coachella and so legal and illegal aliens can come up and make some quick money during the harvest time. These are poor people and are interested in making a buck; the fact that they are in the fields working does not necessarily mean they do not support Cesar Chavez. Also, it is no revelation to know that some of the last people who find out about exploitation are the exploited themselves. (So, the liberation cause that some farmworkers support is not always understood by their fellow workers. As one person told us, "the poor want bread not ideol-\_\_\_bogy." Hence it is relatively easy for the growers and Teamsters to break the strike with people from Mexico. But as \_\_\_we left the Coachella Valley, two fac-\_\_\_tors seem to indicate that the strike is taking its toll on the growers.

First, the UFW organizers claim that increasingly they hear that the people in the fields are ready to come out and juin the strike. There have been a lot of complaints about how they have been treated by the Teamsters. Second, the growers are not getting a good price for their grapes and hence may just be breaking even; that indeed is not their goal! Here are some facts on this point. Growers consistently stated to us that it costs them about \$7.00 to produce one Fig of grapes (22 lb. box). A #1 box of perlettes (type of grape) was selling for \$8.00 a lug when we left the Coachel-: la Valley, according to Mr. Steinberg, a To grower who signed with the UFW. However, a great deal of the prapes sent to market Therefore are seconds; they are they are they are ere not getting the #1 prices. UFW lead-

pers told us that #2 perlettes are getting {\$7.00 and \$7.50 per lug and if this is true the growers are not making any money—just bre i even. Four growers, Steinberg, Morino, Karahadian, and Keyan stated in 12 Riverside County Daily Enterprise Dune 13, that if prices go below \$7.50 per lug they will lose money. All this is interpreted by the UFW forces as good news. They say grower problems are due to the fact that inexperienced pickers are working in the fields (the good ones are on the picket line): the grapes are being packed poorly; the vines were not thinned properly in the spring and so the growers are paying for it now in terms of quality grapes.

#### Recent Violence in Coachella

Control of the Contro

Cesar Chavez has long told his followers that they will win, but only if they stick to their principles of nonviolence. In recent days this philosophy of the UFW has really been put to the test. During our last week in Coachella there were numerous minor scuffles and fights. Both sides were quilty of "disturbing the peace" to some degree. But on the whole Lt. Jack Reid, spokesman for the Riverside County Sheriff's office, said that the recent incidents had been generated by "unprovoked attacks" by Teamster security guards (N.Y.Times, June 27, 1973). We can attest to this last statement. The Teamster "goons" as the UFW strikers call them, were arrested for beating up a priest in a local cafe; fighting with local people at a neighborhood ice cream stand; kidnap and attempted murder; stoning the car Cesar Chavez was riding in. Surely, they have added to this list since we left Coachella, fortunately, with no

What is so ironical is that recently the Teamsters have hired a public relations firm, Hoover-Gorin & Associates, for \$1.3 million to help them improve their image! Incidently, one of the Teamster strong men beat up a representative from this firm while we were in Coachella. Apparently, money cannot buy everything.

Public relations firm notwithstancing, the Teamsters have an image all their own and it hangs out wherever trey go. The L.A. Times (June 12, 1973) recorded on the ermy of "quarter" office by Bill Grami, propriet for the Western Conference of Teamsters. One

hundred twenty hefty, bearded men from L.A. are paid \$67.50 per day to protect the interests of the Teamsters and the growers. In a president

June 19 Grami insisted all the"guards" were Teamsters on leave from their usual jobs to assist him with the problems in Coachella. Wherever they come from it is clear that they are the biggest joke that has hit Coachella for a long time. They would be funny except for the tragic results that keep happening from their continued presence. Some of their more brilliant statements include: "If you don't like it, ya want to make somethin' of it?" As we returned to Michigan we could only feel sorry for the poor people in this small desert town. They must live in this atmosphere of fear and intimidation for the next month until the harvest is over.

#### Conclusion

As we left the Coachella Valley we could not help but recall the words of an article about Einar Mohn, director of the Western Conference of Teamsters. Jane Kiely, of Graduate Theologoical Union (Berkeley) interviewed him for her dissertation on farm labor. Mohn said ferm workers will not be able to take part in meetings for about two years (L.A. Times, April 28). In two years he expects more whites in the fields and this, he says, will make organizing farmworkers more feasible. Because of the present membership of the union he said it is difficult to have an effective union.

In conclusion, we can only say that the Teamsters have no business calling themselves a union of farmworkers. They could not possibly come to understand the needs of farmworkers, nor do they plan on representing them fairly when it comes to a showdown with the growers. Grapes produced under their contracts should make the ordinary person of conscience sick, when he knows the full extent of the oppresion under which these grapes are harvested.

Because of this, we urge the members of CCMA to: 1) work with existing groups in your area to support the UFW boycott of graces and lettuce; 2) see what can be done in your area to raise money for the UFW people on strike; send contributions to: United Farm Workers, La Paz, P.D. . Box 62, Keene, California 93531; 3) con-

sider going to California and join the farm workers on the picket line for a few days. For information about this as well as on-going information about the UFW struggle write or call:

National Farm Worker Ministry 1411 W. Olympic Blvd. Room 511 Los Angeles, Calif. 90015 (213) 386-8130 Ask for their NEWSLETTER.

Along with the United Farmworkers we egree, "Si se Puede!" (Yes, it is possible!).

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Date:

September 4, 1973

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Title:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

Kern County Sheriff's Department,

Teamsters Union; FRANK QUINTANA, ET AL - VICTIMS

Character:

CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS:

CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

Signed statements set forth of

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Private Patrol has uniformed guards armed with .38 caliber weapons. They carry no other equipment and receive no training. Legal Department, UFWU, contacted in effort to locate and

interview , and

who has reportedly left the area.

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#### DETAILS:

This report contains the results of a limited investigation.

Legal Department, United On August 27, 1973, Farm Workers Union (UFWU), Lamont, California, was contacted at Keene California, and requested to provide

for interview. She advised she was attending a boycott conference at Keene, California, and did not know if she would have time to locate them, but would try.

was recontacted, at which time On August 28, 1973, she advised she had not had any opportunity to look for the witnesses because of the conference. She advised she did not know if she would be able to locate them because everyone is scattered since the picketing has stopped in the area.

On August 29, 1973, efforts to recontact

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DATE: September 14. 1973

Director

Pederal Bureau of Investigation

Henry E. Petersen Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division

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SUBJECT: Request for Copies of Investigative Reports

The Criminal Division understands that Assistant Attorney General J. Stanley Pottinger of the Civil Rights Division has recently requested the Bureau to investigate criminal Civil Rights matters in Kern County, California, arising out of the dispute between the United Farm Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Since certain of these matters may involve violations of criminal statues over which the Criminal Division has jurisdiction, the Bureau is requested to forward to the Criminal Division copies of all investigative reports pertaining to the following matters:

A. Violence at the Cavokovich Ranch in Kern County, California. The Civil Rights Division requested an investigation into this matter on August 13, 1973 under the caption: UNSUBS, Kern County Deputies, Teamsters: Frank Quintana et al, victims;

2. Violence at the Guimarra Ranch, Kern County, California. The Civil Rights Division requested an investigation into this matter on August 22, 1973 under the caption: F.N.U. Cooper, Kern County Sheriff's Deputies: Lidia B. Manriques, victim; and

Violence at the Nalbandian Ranch in Kern County, California. The Civil Rights Division requested an investigation into this matter on August 30, 1973 under the caption: UNSUBS, Kern County

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CONFRONTATION BETWEEN UNITED FARM WORKERS AND TEAMSTERS UNION, KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA CIVIL RIGHTS

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The enclosed Departmental letter dated 9/14/73, confirms reButelcall, wherein it was requested you submit an extra copy of any report prepared in each of the cases cited in the enclosed letter.

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Character:

CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

Signed statements of set forth.

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Department, UFWU, advised 8/31/73

TEAMSTERS UNION: FRANK QUINTANA, ET AL - VICTIMS

and his whereabouts are unknown.

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#### DETAILS:

On August 31, 1973 Legal Department, United Farm Workers Union (UFWU), Keene, California, was contacted regarding the interviews of \_and advised that is currently residing in Keene, California, and she will make her available for interview. She advised that resides in the Arvin-Lamont area; however, she does not know the address.

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whereabouts. She advised she would recommend no further efforts be made to locate him.

On September 4, 1973. The telephonically contacted the Bakersfield Office of the FBI and advised that would be available for interview at 2:30 P.M. that date and requested FBI Agents come to Keene, California, for the interview.



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If he should appear for interview, a statement will be taken and results reported.

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Director Sec'y.

J. Stanley Pottinger, Assistant Attorney General (AAG) of the Civil Rights Division (CRD) of the Department met with the Director in the Director's Office late on the afternoon of 11/14/73. In attendance were Assistant Director Robert E. Gebhardt of the General Investigative Division and Acting Section Chief Joseph G. Kelly of the General Investigative

Pottinger stated he had primarily requested to see the Director as a matter of courtesy but in addition desired to furnish the Director with pertinent background information relating to certain requests he had made for investigation since he anticipated the Director might well receive inquiries from the White House and other sources

- He added that he had recently found it necessary to request Bureau investigations into a number of highly sensitive and delicate matters and he personally wanted to thank the Director for the outstanding cooperation which the FBI had extended to him and for the exceptional manner in which the Bureau had handled the investigations involved.

Pottinger then proceeded to discuss the delicate and sensitive investigations referred to above as follows:

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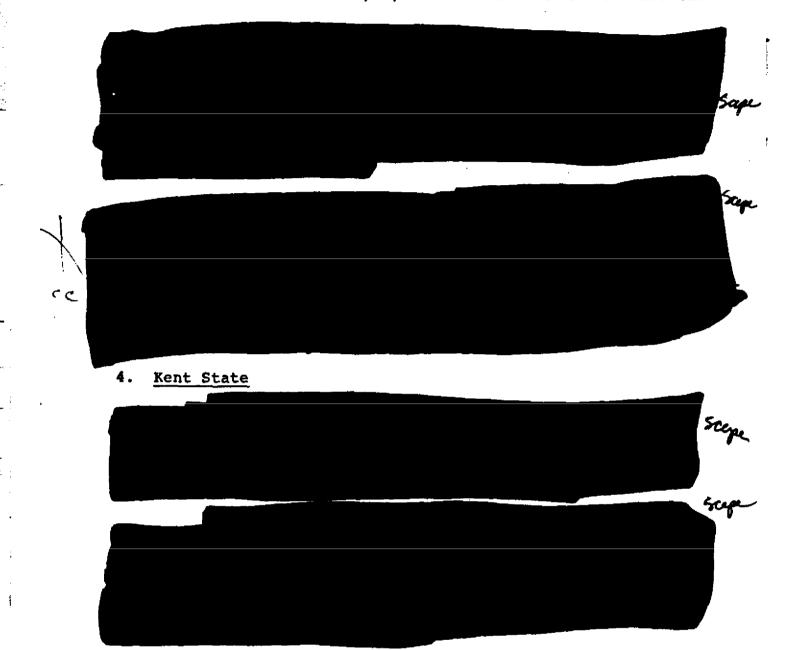


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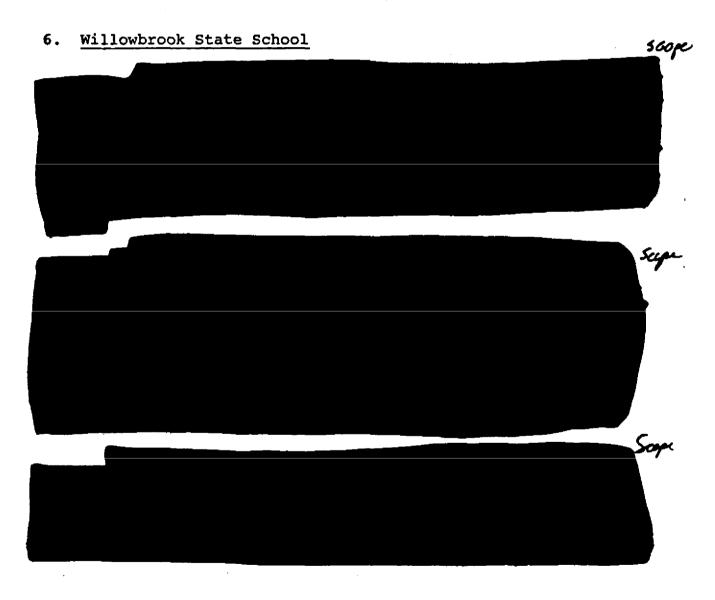


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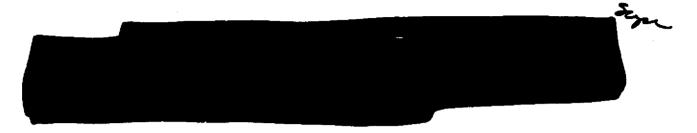
(This concerns our investigations of approximately 25 complaints basically concerning allegations the Kern Co., Calif. Sheriff's Office failed to take action in connection with physical confrontations between the United Farm Workers and the Teamsters Union during their violent jurisdictional dispute relating to which organization would represent the grape pickers in the Western States.)

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Pottinger expressed his apprection to the Director for his authorizing the temporary assignment of two Spanish-speaking Agents to the Sacramento Office for the purpose of assisting in these investigations. According to Pottinger this action completely stilled the complaints and comments that the Department had received from representatives "on the Hill" relating to these cases.



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Sacramento, California
August 15, 1973

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SERGMANT OF KERN COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA,
AUGUST 1, 1973, OR
AUGUST 2, 1973;
UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION,
LAMONT, CALIFORNIA

On August 13, 1973, United Farm Workers Union (UFW), Keene, California, appeared in the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office, Bakersfield, California, and furnished the following signed statement:

> "Eakersfield, Calif. August 13, 1973

"I, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agent, F.B.I., Bakersfield, Calif.

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"On either 8/1/73 or 8/2/73, I was present on a picket line consisting of 70 - 80 members of the United Farm Workers Union (UFW) on Wheeler Ridge Rd., about 200 feet south of David Rd. in the Lamont. Calif., area, at the Kovacovich Ranch.

is an overseer of this ranch. This was at about 1000 AM. A ranch truck was parked in a road leading into the grape vineyards facing & extending onto the shoulder of Wheeler Ridge Rd.

"I heard a thud which sounded like a rock hitting the side of the ranch truck. I did not see any objects of any kind coming from the direction of the picket lines. Then a member of UFW, an unrecalled woman, came around the front of this truck & told me she had seen toss the rock. I (5(7)) went to the other side of this truck with this woman & talked to a Kern County Sheriff's Office Sgt. & told him that the rock had been thrown by Both the (57)(c) woman & myself request the Sgt. to arrest but he refused. He asked why no arrest would be made & the Sgt. said the

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woman had not seen throw the rock, further stating that he did not believe the woman. I specifically asked the Sgt. if we could make a citizens' arrest & he said we could not. I knew that we could not go into the fields without permission.

"In my six weeks' experience on the picket lines, on numerous occasions I have seen the police arrest people for misdemeanors not committed in their presence, after the alleged wrongdoer was pointed out by a rancher, private guard, or Teamster -- the arrest of a photographer at Vernon's -- fingered by a guard at Vernon's -- leaps to mind. On the other hand, I have attempted to move the police to actions on half-a-dozen occasions -- with zero success.

"At this point, let me reemphasize my observatin on the Nelbaudian incident of July 31 -- see my declaration -- that the police made no arrests of Teamsters who attacked us, but on the contrary hauled away the victims -- typical of the unequal

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and racist treatment the UFW has been subjected to by the Sheriff's department of Kern County.

"I have read this statement consisting of this & two other pages and find it true and correct.

"/s/ (b\(\chi\)\(\chi\)

"August 13, 1973 Bakersfield, California

"Witnessed: /s/ Special Agent, F.B.I. (b)(7)(c)
Bakersfield, Calif., 8/13/73."

UNITED STATES ( /ERNMENT

### Memorandum

TO : Assi

: Assistant Attorney General

DATE:

August 21, 1973

FROM : Director, FBI

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
SERGEANT OF KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
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	A. This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning exestigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.
	B. The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of as they are received.
	C. The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.
	D. Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will ucted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.
	E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

G. \_\_\_ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

F. This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further

H. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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From:

Director, FBI

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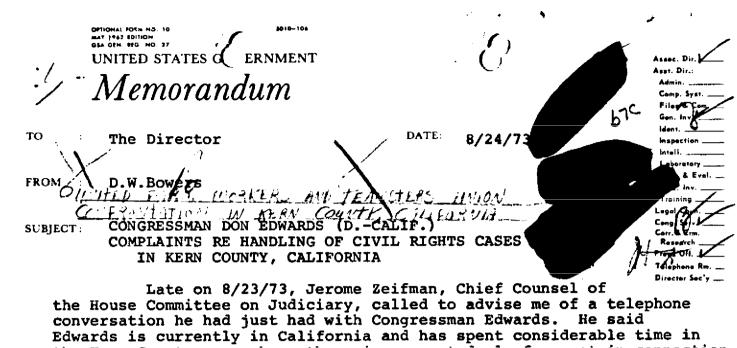
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the Kern County area where there is a great deal of unrest in connection with labor activities involving grape pickers. Several individuals have been killed or injured during this labor unrest.

Zeifman said that Edwards is very concerned that the investigations of this situation are not being handled properly. said Edwards specifically expressed his concern that the publicly stated policy of former Acting Director Gray to the effect that outside Agents would be sent in to handle civil rights cases is not being followed in this instance. He said Edwards feels a number of Agents a should be sent into the area from other FBI offices and that they specifically should be Agents with Spanish speaking ability. He said Edwards had commented that he recently had some contact with the Phoenix FBI Office and had been highly impressed with the competency of the number of Spanish speaking Agepts available there.

Zeifman advised Edwards has visited the FBI Resident Agency office in the area where this labor problem is centered expressing his concern over these cases and also has communicated directly with the Department of Justice about this matter. He said Edwards feels his expressions of concern have not generated the proper response and Edwards is now suggesting that he be allowed to convene his Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Constitutional Rights of the House Committee on Judiciary to conduct hearings in California concerning the handling of these cases. Zeifman said at Edwards' request he has discussed this matter with Pat McSweeney, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Legislative Affairs in the absence of Assistant Attorney General Mike McKevitt, and that he expects a response from McSweeney. Zeifman said he was menaly anyising me ag that the in would be aware of this situation.

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Bowers to the Director (cont'd.)
Re: CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS
HANDLING OF CIVIL RIGHTS CASES
IN KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

I told Zeifman that I was aware that Edwards had visited the resident agency. I also told him that the adequacy of personnel in the area has been considered by officials both in the field and here in Washington. He was thanked for advising us of Edwards' comments.

This matter was discussed with McSweeney who stated Edwards has been constantly agitating regarding the Kern County situation. He advised that Senator Hubert Humphrey (D.-Minn.) also has gotten into the act and sent a telegram to the Attorney General urging that a large force of personnel be sent into the area to handle the unrest that has resulted from the labor dispute. McSweeney was advised that a week ago we had inquired of the Sacramento FBI Field Office regarding the adequacy of personnel to handle civil rights complaints growing out of this situation in Kern County and were assured that there are sufficient personnel in the area to take care of the matter, including Spanish speaking Agents. He was advised that we have experienced some delays in handling the necessary investigation because of an uncooperative attitude on the part of attorneys representing the United Farm Workers.

The Civil Rights Section of the General Investigative Division advises we have had 23 civil rights cases referred to us as a result of the situation in Kern County, about half of which are preliminary types.

It is not new or unusual for Congressman Edwards to be critical of the FBI with respect to the handling of civil rights matters. He has done so consistently and with this situation being in his home area, it is natural that he will make every effort to take advantage of the publicity potential. Congressman Edwards does not represent Kern County, however. Kern County is divided between two congressional districts. One is represented by Congressman Robert B. Mathias and the other by Congressman William M. Ketchum, both Republicans.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CALLAHAN MR. BAKER MR. GEBHARDT S.R. WALLEY

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un August 23, 1970, J. Stabley Fottinger, Assistant Attorney Ceneral in charge of the Civil Rights Division, phoned me. He said they have received a number of talks in his Division about mointions of civil rights in the Chavez Dase. In response to these, he wondered whether or not the following requests could be bonored:

- 1. That we have Bureau Agents assigned who could, in effect, form somewhat of a police type of mission. This would be Agents who would be called into the area to do substantially the same that is being done by state officers and United States Marghals.
- It was requested that there be a more vigorous job done in the investigation of civil rights matters. Pursuant to this. it was felt that there should be more people from outside the state assigned to the investigation. It was also felt that there would be a need for more Spanish speaking Agents on the site.

Mr. Pottinger then said he was of the opinion the first request should

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Memorandum for Mesars. Callahan, Baker, Gebhardt, Walsh August 27, 1973

I pointed out I, for example, had opposed a Bureau rule of many years ago that police officers who have become Agents should not be assigned to civil rights matters. This in effect spotlighted the background of an Agent and placed him in a separate and, therefore on occasion, undesirable category. In my mind the fact a man had served as a police officer should not mitigate against him and there was no reason to believe that just because of this, he would be softer or more sympathetic to the officers being investigated as possible violators.

I therefore said I would not want to give any consideration to the assignment of Agents at the site merely because they represented an "out-of-state" status.

I then pointed out, however, that I thought the addition of Spanish speaking Agents might be helpful for the obvious reason. In assigning people with this capability, we might at the same time be handling the matter of assignment of people from out of state and the two could be accomplished, in other words, by this one measure.

Mr. Pottinger said he had been informed that there were some Spanish speaking Agents available and it would not present too much of a problem. I informed him, therefore, he could speak with the Civil Rights Lection and could unform them that I approved of a reasonable number of such assignments. He indicated he left this was a very agreeable position and that he would proceed in this direction.

As noted above, I set out my feelings about the assignment of Agents to civil rights investigations. I do not know the present rules in this regard. In view of this, I would like to have a memorandum outlining such policy in order that I might possibly consider revision in accordance with my personal observations.

Very truly yours,

Clarence M. Kelley

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Director

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### !emorandum

TO

DATE: August 28, 1973

FROM

- Mr. Gebhardt - Mr. McGowan

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Director Sec'y

- Mr. Gardner

- Mr. Callahan

1 - Mr. Baker

SUBJECT

UNITED FARM WORKERS AND TEAMSTERS UNION CONFRONTATION IN KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA CIVIL RIGHTS

l - Mr. Walsh

Reference is made to Director Clarence M. Kelley's memorandum dated 8/27/73; which among other things, discussed the necessity of assigning some Spanish\_speaking Agents to work Civil Rights cases which have arisen within the Sacramento Division as a result of the confrontations between pickets of the United Farm Workers (UFW) and the Teamsters Union.

44-59048-3 As background in this matter, on 8/17/73, a discussion was held with Mr. William L. Gardner, Deputy Chief, Criminal Section, Civil Rights Division (CRD), U. S. Department of Justice (USDJ), wherein Mr. Gardner mentioned that Mr. Robert Murphy, Chief, Criminal Section, CRD, USDJ, had received a phone call earlier that day from Democratic U. S. Congressman Donald Edwards, 10th Congressional California District, who had spent some time in the Kern County, California, area observing the strike situation involving the UFW and Teamsters Union. Mr. Gardner stated he had been informed by Mr. Murphy that Congressman Edwards stated he felt the Federal Bureau of Investigation was being hindered in its investigation of Civil Rights complaints by a lack of manpower and by a lack of Spanish-speaking Agents. On 8/17/73, a discussion was held with Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) Theodore P. Rosack, Sacramento Division, wherein ASAC Rosack stated at that time he felt he had sufficient personnel assigned to handle the investigations and that the two Spanish-speaking Agents then assigned in the area were sufficient to handle the work. He indicated that if a drastic increase in the number of cases occurred, he would reassess the manpower needs at <del>that time</del> तेEा ३ 🚣

On 8/24/73, ASAC Rosack advised he had be 1 Spithatists by Mr. William Briggs, Special Investigator, U. S. Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, who indicated he was in the Kern County area to investigate the acts of violence which had EX-103

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Memorandum to Mr. Gebhardt RE: UNITED FARM WORKERS

occurred in connection with the UFW strike. Mr. Briggs requested ASAC Rosack meet with him on that day to discuss the FBI's posture with regard to the handling of the Civil Rights complaints. Mr. Briggs was referred to the CRD, USDJ.

On 8/24/73, Mr. William L. Gardner advised he was being sent by Assistant Attorney General J. Stanley Pottinger to the Kern County, California, area to confer with various individuals on the scene regarding the conditions and to inquire firsthand into the situation arising out of the UFW and Teamsters Union confrontations. On 8/28/73, a discussion was had with Mr. Gardner concerning his trip to the Kern County area and during this discussion, he indicated he had met with Caesar Chavez, UFW leader. During this meeting Chavez stated he felt more Spanish-speaking FBI Agents should be sent into the area to investigate the Civil Rights allegations as many involve itinerant Mexican-American farm workers who spoke only Spanish. Mr. Gardner was asked specifically if he intended to recommend in his report to Mr. Pottinger that additional FBI Agents be sent into the area to handle Civil Rights investigations. Mr. Gardner indicated that he would make no such recommendation, that he felt this assessment could only be made from within the concerned agency, and that it would be somewhat presumptuous for him to make such a recommendation. He did state, however, he personally believed that as a result of his discussion with Chavez and attorneys for the UFW, the number of Civil Rights allegations needing investigation would increase.

In referenced memorandum, Director Kelly expressed the opinion that if a determination were made additional Spanish-speaking Agents were needed to handle the Civil Rights cases, he would be agreeable to approving a reasonable number of such assignments.

ACTION: To assist in the investigation of the increasing number of Civil Rights cases occurring in the Kern County area, and to forestall any adverse public criticism, it is recommended that two Spanish-speaking Agents be temporarily assigned to the Sacramento Division from either the Los Angeles and/or San Francisco Divisions.

A separate memorandum regarding the Civil Rights policy of the Bureau is being prepared.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MemorandumDATE: 8/31/73 то J. J. O'CONNE SUBJECT UNITED FARM WORKERS AND TEAMSTERS UNION CONFRONTATION IN KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA CIVIL RIGHTS Director Kellev's memorandum of 8/27/73 discussed the necessity of assigning some Spanish-speaking Agents to work Civil Rights cases which have arisen within the Sacramento Division as a result of the confrontations between pickets of the United Farm Workers and the Teamsters Union. By memo 8/28/73 from C. L. McGowan to Mr. Gebhardt it was approved that two Spanish-speaking Agents be temporarily assigned to the Sacramento Division from either the Los Angeles and/or the San Francisco Divisions to assist in the investigation of the above cases and to forestall any adverse public criticism. SACs, Los Angeles and San Francisco were telephonically instructed to send one Spanish-speaking Agent to Sacramento with the period of assignment indefinite at this time, and that the Agents should report on Tuesday morning, September 4, 1973. They were advised to confirm Bureau telephone call by nitel to Sacramento and the Bureau, and that any additional details should be obtained from the Sacramento Office. ACTION: None. For information. JJO:lae (6) PER AJAC JOHN KELLY SAN FRANCISCO SA JOHN CONTICLO (CA AM OF 9-5-73 1-Mr. Gebhardt 1-Movement 1-Mr. Jackson 1-Mr. Hall PERS. REC. UNIT

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**TO** <u>/</u>

Mr. Callaham

FROM : R. E. Gebhardt

SUBJECT CONFRONTATION BETWEEN UNITED FARM WORKERS AND

TEAMSTERS UNION KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA DATE: August 31, 1973

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There is attached a druft prepared by the Civil Rights Division of the Department. This draft is to be used in connection with Congressional inquiries to the Department and is to be furnished to the Public Information Office of the Department of Justice.

The draft was reviewed by the General Investigative Division. It is noted that on page 1 the draft stated, "To date, we have initiated more than a dozen investigations." In this connection, we have more than two dozen investigations going on at the present time; however, not all of these were initiated by the Department of Justice.

On page 2, lines 8, 9, and 10 read, "The Bureau has also agreed that, where appropriate, Special Agents who speak Spanish will be used in such investigations." It is to be noted that we already have two Spanish-speaking Agents assisting in these investigations and the General Investigative Division has recommended that two more be sent to assist.

It was suggested that lines 8, 9, and 10 be revised to read, "The Bureau, where appropriate, is utilizing Special Agents who speak Spanish in such investigations."

These suggested changes were discussed with Assistant Attorney General Stanley Pottinger of the Civil Rights Division. He agreed to adopt the language suggested for lines 8, 9, and 10 on page 2 and also indicated he would revise page 1 to relate that more than two dozen investigations have been initiated without differentiating as to who initiated them. Mr. Pottinger expressed appreciation for the suggestions and stated this draft of his statement would be utilized for the purposes noted above.

ACTION:

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## Memorandum

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: Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

1973 DATE: SEP 5

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FROM S J. Stanley Pottinger Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division

subject: Unknown Subjects; Unknown Victims Summary Punishment

CIVIL RIGHTS

Conversations between U.F.W. legal aid, Harriet Teller and Departmental Attorney Michael James reveal that the U.F.W. Union has possession of or access to films and still photographs showing alleged violations of 18 U.S.C. 242 committed during the course of U.F.W. - Teamster strife this summer.

Ms. Teller has agreed to make available to the F.B.I. the films, photographs and the persons who took same. 44-59048-5

Please contact Ms. Teller, and giving her at least one days notice, arrange a time for agents to obtain the films and pictures and interview the persons responsible for taking same to determine where and when they were taken and what they purport to show.

With regard to the films, the it may be able to give us a print of at least one of those films. In any case, obtain copies of all the films and photographs made available by Ms. Teller and forward those copies to this Division.

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NOTE: CRD, USDJ, requests UFW legal aid Harriet Teller be contacted for purpose of obtaining photographs and films depicting Civil Rights violations.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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TO

-DATE: September | 4 1973

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Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM:

Henry E. Petersen

Assistant Attorney General

Criminal Division

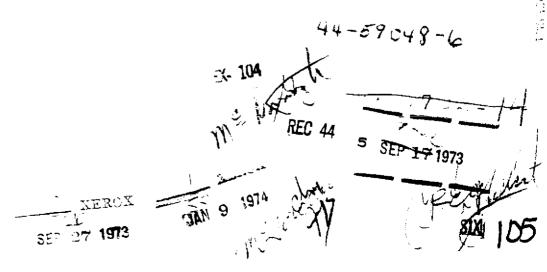
SUBJECT: Request for Copies of Investigative Reports

The Criminal Division understands that Assistant Attorney General J. Stanley Pottinger of the Civil Rights Division has recently requested the Bureau to investigate criminal Civil Rights matters in Kern County, California, arising out of the dispute between the United Farm Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Since certain of these matters may involve violations of criminal statues over which the Criminal Division has jurisdiction, the Bureau is requested to forward to the Criminal Division copies of all investigative reports pertaining to the following matters:

- 1. Violence at the Cavokovich Ranch in Kern County, California.

  The Civil Rights Division requested an investigation into this matter on August 13, 1973 under the caption: UNSUBS, Kern County Deputies, Teamsters: Frank Quintana et al, victims;
- 2. Violence at the Guimarra Ranch, Kern County, California. The Civil Rights Division requested an investigation into this matter on August 22, 1973 under the caption: F.N.U. Cooper, Kern County Sheriff's Deputies: Lidia B. Manriques, victim; and
- 3. Violence at the Nalbandian Ranch in Kern County, California.

  The Civil Rights Division requested an investigation into this matter on August 30, 1973 under the caption: UNSUBS, Kern County Sheriff's Deputies: Erlene Cuerto, victim.



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Director, FBI

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CONFRONTATION BETWEEN UNITED FARM WORKERS

AND TEAMSTERS UNION.

KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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The enclosed Departmental letter dated 9/14/73, confirms reButelcall, wherein it was requested you submit an extra copy of any report prepared in each of the cases cited in the enclosed letter.

Enclosure

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### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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CONFRONTATION BETWEEN UNITED

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Synopsis:

Continuous efforts to contact have been been legal Aide, United Farm Workers Union, Keene, California, to obtain photographs and film negative to date.

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#### DETAILS:

The following contains the results of a <u>limited</u> investigation.

On September 11, 1973, Attorney, Legal Department, United Farm Workers Union (UFWU), Keene, California, was contacted in an effort to locate advised that was gone for a few days and should return in approximately 10 days. Was advised that an appointment with was needed in an effort to obtain photographs and film which she had previously mentioned she would provide to MICHAEL JAMES of the Department of Justice. Was advised that it would be better to take this matter up with which on her return to Keene.

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On September 12, 1973, Legal Department, UFWU, Keene, California, was contacted in the absence of in an effort to obtain photographs and film which she had previously agreed to provide to Departmental Attorney MICHAEL JAMES. advised he is not acquainted with the circumstances of the request and advised that is currently in New York and probably will not return to Keene, California, prior to September 20, 1973.

On September 19, 1973, and advised that had returned to Keene, but was not in at present. A request was left for her to telephonically contact the FBI in Bakersfield as soon as practical. Addid not return the telephone call that day and efforts were made to contact her on September 20, 1973. These efforts were also unsuccessful.

On September 21, 1973, inquiry at UFWU headquarters in Keene disclosed that was attending a UFWU convention in Fresno, California, for the next three days, however, an exact point of contact could not be determined.

In the morning hours of September 24, 1973, an inquiry at UFWU, Keene, disclosed that was not in and presumably was still in Fresno.

In the afternoon hours of September 24, 1973, an additional inquiry at UFWU, Keene, determined that no one would be in the Legal Office in Keene on September 24, 1973, however, they were expected to be back in operation on September 25, 1973.

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Title:

CONFRONTATION BETWEEN UNITED FARM WORKERS AND TEAMSTERS UNION, KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Character:

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California, 9/25/73, states she did not agree with
Departmental Attorney to provide motion picture film to
FBI, but only to representatives from Department Attorney
MICHAEL JAMES' office. One additional set of still photographs obtained from

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### **ENCLOSURES:**

TO THE ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA: One set of photographs consisting of seven photographs.

### DETAILS:

On September 25, 1973, United Farm Workers Union (UFWU), Kenne, California, telephonically contacted the FBI at Bakersfield, California, in response to an earlier telephone call.

was advised of the department's request to contact her and obtain photographs and films taken during the UFWU-Teamster strife this summer, in accordance with an arrangement made between and Department Attorney by MICHAEL JAMES.

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advised her agreement with MICHAEL JAMES was that a representative from the office of JAMES would come to Keene and secure the motion picture film. She advised she would not provide the motion picture film to the FBI because this was not her agreement with JAMES.

advised she has already provided all still photographs in her possession to the FBI.

left at the FBI office in Bakersfield, California, on August 30, 1973, were taken by who is no longer working for them. She advised she does not know his whereabouts, but will advise FBI in Bakersfield if she can determine his location.

was advised that the FBI would like to interview him regarding the taking of these photographs if he can be located.

were taken during the incident at Guimara Ranch, Panama Road and Fairfax Road on August 7, 1973. She explained that these pictures show the sunnecessary force used by the Kern County Sheriff's Department in arresting UFWU pickets.

She advised the only person in these seven photographs that she was able to identify is who has blood on her shirt.

If provides the location of the will be interviewed and Department of Justice provided a report of the results.

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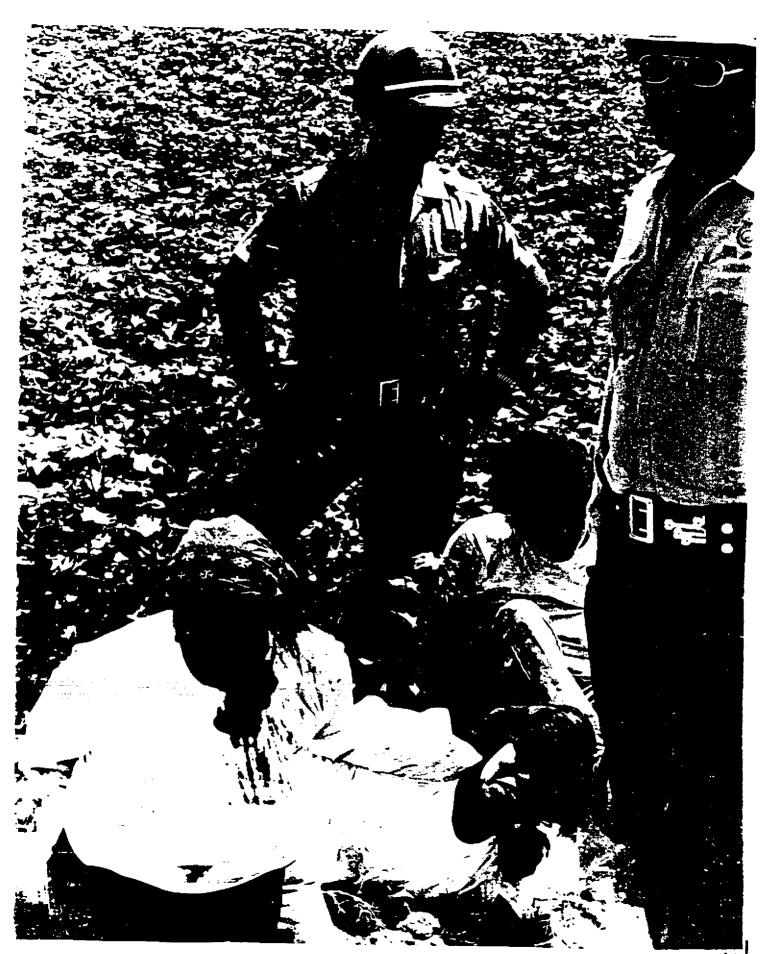
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Union, Keene, California, left a group of seven photographs in the Bakersfield, California, Resident Agency of the FBI. The left a note on the photographs as follows: "Incident at Giumarra Ranch, August 7, 1973, Panama & Fairfax, 7 photographs." The photographs were not further identified.

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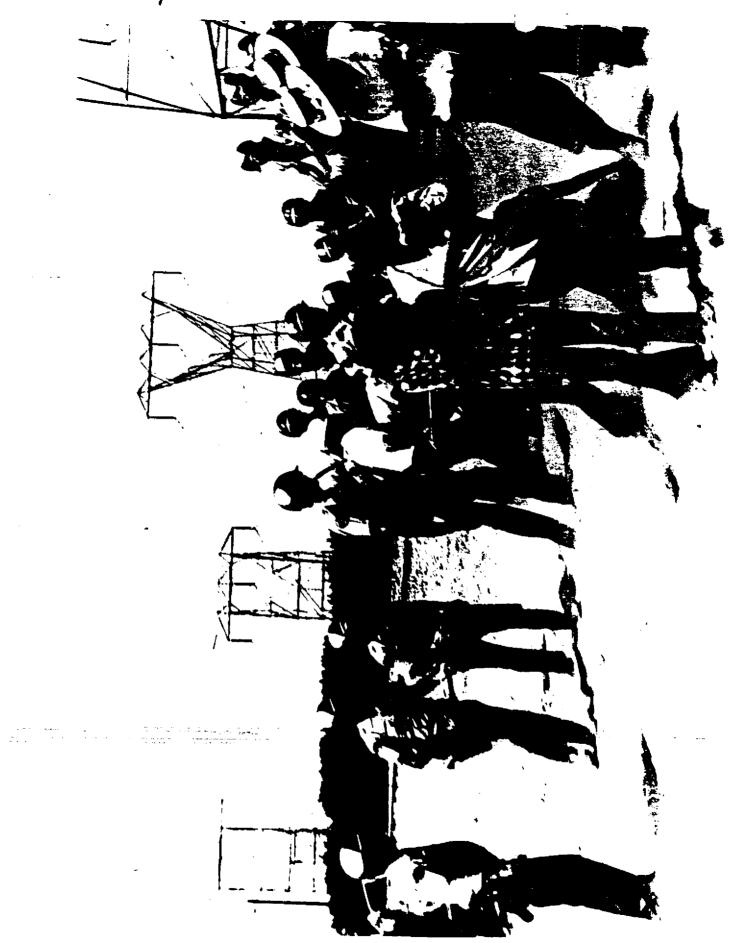
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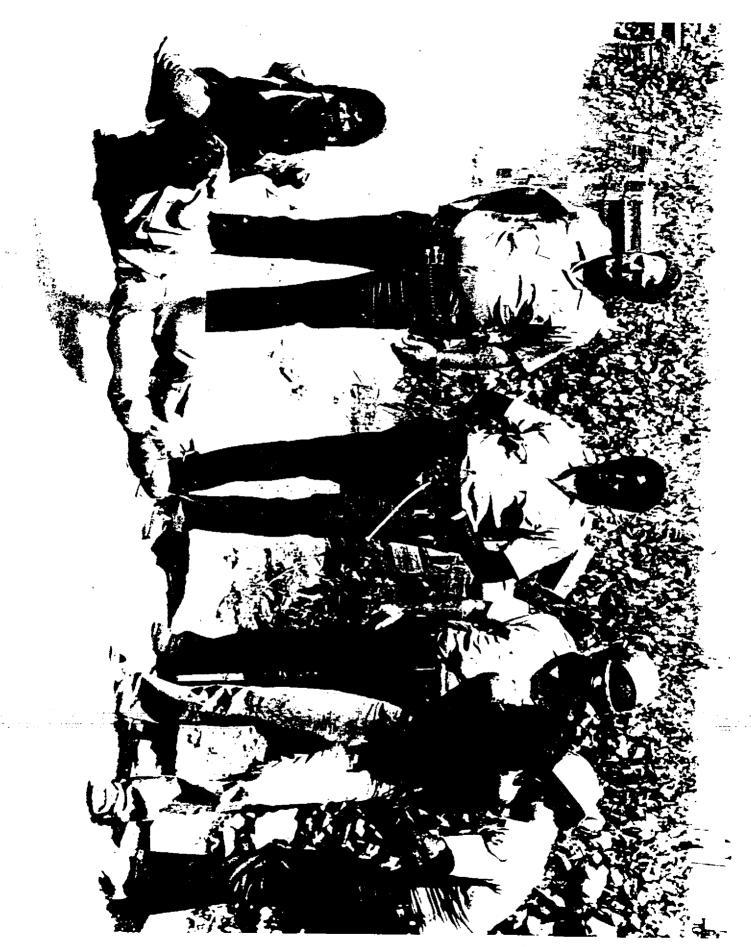


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# Memorandum

Clarence Kelley : Director

TO

Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: 2ZNUV 1973

FROM

Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT:

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Attached hereto is a copy of a letter I received from Congressman Don Edwards, which I thought may be of interest to you.



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### Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

September 17, 1973

Mr. J. Stanley Pottinger Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division Department of Justice

Dear Mr. Pottinger:

Washington, D. C. 20530

Thank you very much for your letter of September 4 describing work being done by the Department of Justice concerning possible violations of federal criminal law in activities involving the United Farm Workers in California. I sincerely appreciate the information you provided me.

I am sure you know that I am concerned with the situation in California, not only what has taken place during the past month but also the serious implications for the future. I spent several days in the Bakersfield-Delano area during the height of the tensions.

I observed the good work being done by the Community Relations Service, observed the United Farm Workers picketing at several vineyards, talked to local police and press, and attended the two funerals.

As explained to Mr. Murphy, I was disappointed not to find Chicano Special Agents in the Bakersfield F.B.I. office. The Daifullah funeral was thought important enough by the Catholic Church for Bishop Flores of San Antonio to travel at church expense to California. The only Agent I saw at the Bakersfield F.B.I. office taking statements in Spanish was not, in the opinion of my Chicano assistant, appropriately fluent in Spanish.

For many years in civil rights cases a major criticism of Justice Department involvement has been the use of locally assigned F.B.I. Agents to investigate allegations of criminal conduct of local police. From my experience in the Eureau I know that a harmonicus relationship with the local police is essential to doing a good job for the F.B.I. This has always resulted in unenthusiastic investigations by the locally

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assigned Agents and a strong feeling on the part of minority citizens that the F.B.I. is in league with the police. That this problem is well understood by the F.B.I. was made clear a few months ago by the F.B.I. Acting Director who said his policy in these civil rights cases would always be to send in outside Agents. Perhaps this was done and is being done in Fresno-Tulare-Kern Counties, but that is not the appearance of what is being done, and sometimes appearance is as important as action.

My last comment is to again stress the importance of these cases you are investigating. I am personally convinced that widespread violations of Federal criminal law took place and will take place again if the Justice Department does not face up to its responsibilities, unpleasant as they may appear. As I told Mr. Murphy on the telephone from Delano, lives could have been saved in the early sixties if Bull Connor had been arrested for his clear violations of Federal law. The same kind of illegal runaway police activity is taking place in California today, and I sincerely believe the Justice Department has an important and responsible role to fill.

The purpose of this letter is not, however, to give my personal views on the farm situation in California but is to thank you for your courteous communication and to express my appreciation for your keeping the Subcommittee informed.

Sincerely,

Ion Edwards

Member of Congress

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### GENERAL INVESTIG TIVE DIVISION

The attached concerns . letter from Congressman Don Edwards (Dem. - Calif.) dated 9/17/73, directed to Mr. J. Stanley Pottinger, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, which was forwarded by Mr. Pottinger to this Bureau by memorandum dated 11/27/73. In his letter Congressman Edwards expresses disappointment of the lack of Spanish-speaking Agents assigned to work Civil Rights cases in the Kern Co., California, area which arose out of confrontations between members of the United Farm Workers (UFW) and the Teamsters Union.

It is noted Congressman Edwards makes reference to a visit he made to our Bakersfield, California, Resident Agency, during late 8/73, and as a result of this visit he made his observations. At that time the Sacramento Division had two Spanish-speaking Agents assigned to assist in receiving Civil Rights complaints

from UFW members. Constant contact was maintained with the Sacramento Division regarding the situation that existed in the Kern Co. area and as the number of Civil Rights allegations received increased, two additional Spanish-speaking Agents from other field divisions were temporarily assigned to the Sacramento Division to further assist the handling of these complaints. Both the Sacramento Division and FBIHQ felt the number of Spanish-speaking Agents assigned to that area was sufficient to handle the number of cases received. In view of this, it is felt no constructive purpose would be served in contacting Congressman Edwards with regard to the personal opinions he expresses in his letter of 9/17/73.

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SUBJECT: United Farm Workers et al.

FILE: 44-60006

# Memorandum

Director Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: MAR 28 1974

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J. Stanley Pottinger FROMO: Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects, FNU LNU aka "Fred Schwartz": Unknown Victims United Farm Worker Union Members: Jerry Cohen /- OFWU Counsel-Complainant Conspiracy Against Rights

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On Wednesday, March 27, 1974, this Division was contacted telephonically by Jerry Cohen, counsel in California for the United Farm Workers Union (tel. 805-822-5571). Cohen related that he had been contacted by a person who provided the fictitious name of "Fred Schwartz". Schwartz purported to have information that three people had at numerous times over the past several years broken into various United Farm Worker Union offices in California, as well as the offices of other organizations assisting the UFWU and their activities, including SNCC and the Saul Alinsky Organization. Cohen received the impression that Schwartz was an attorney and was representing one of the persons responsible for the break-ins. wanted \$35,000 for evidence he would provide linking numerous California growers to these break ins. met with Schwartz on Monday, March 25, 1974
Bakersfield to discuss the mattar further. <sup>1974</sup>, <u>⊬</u>H\_€0005 Schwartz provided Cohen with brief glimpses of materials in his possession purporting to have best seized from offices broken into. Schwartz also provided a list of such places, including a UFWU office in Delano called Filipino Hall. Cohen related that Filipino Hall was in fact the object of an armed robbery last year and that the crime had never been solved. Among the

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materials taken at that time were financial records of the union and records relating to certain of their activities covered by the Norris-LaGuardia Labor Act. Schwartz further related that there were checks in existence which would establish a financial link between the alleged thieves and the growers. Cohen further related that Schwartz was extremely anxious to raise the \$35,000, as his "client" was supposed to be charged this week with fraud by unknown prosecuting authorities. As the above information indicates a possible violation of Title 18, U.S.C. §241 involving interference with the rights of United Farm Worker Union members and workers under the Norris-LaGuardia Labor Act, please conduct the following limited investigation:

Interview Attorney Jerry Cohen for full details of his contacts to date with Fred Schwartz. In the event Schwartz recontacts Cohen, which Cohen feels is inevitable, arrange with Cohen to be informed of the location of the meeting to take place between Cohen and Schwartz. Establish a surveillance of that meeting and attempt to ascertain the identity of Schwartz. Following the meeting please reinterview Cohen for full details of the conversation. Assuming Schwartz can be identified by photographs, fingerprints or in some other manner, please inform this Division of the results of the interview with Cohen and the identification of Schwartz in order for us to determine what further investigation, if any, is warranted. Also, please do not inform local law enforcement authorities of the meeting between Cohen and Schwartz at this time.

This will confirm the telephone conversation of Wednesday, March 27, between William L. Gardner, Deputy Chief of the Criminal Section of this Division, and Supervisor of your Bureau.

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To: BAC, Sacramento (44-625)

From: Director, FBT 44 -

UNSUB; JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS, BAKETSFIELD, CALIFORNIA -VICTIM CR €∞06 - (extric)

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Enclosed are two copies of a Departmental letter dated 3/23/74, which confirms their request for investigation furnished to your office via reEutelcall.

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UNSUB; JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS, BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA WX WX

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RE SACRAMENTO NITEL TO BUREAU, MARCH 27, 1974.

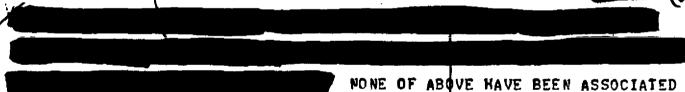
JERRY COHEN, CHIEF COUNSEL, UNITED FARM WORKERS (UFW), KEANE,

CALIFORNIA, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS ON MARCH 28, 1974:

ON MARCH 21. 1974. HE RECEIVED TELCALL FROM ONE FRED SCHWARTZ SUPPOSEDLY FROM SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. SCHWARTZ SAID HE HAD VALUABLE INFORMATION TO SELL CONCERNING BREAK-INS OF UFW OFFICES AND OTHER BUSINESSES AND RESIDENCES. MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 30 25, 1974. COHEN MET SCHWARTZ AT 3:00 P.M., MARCH 25, 1974. AT HILTON HOTEL BAR, BAKERSFIELD. AT THIS MEETING SCHWARTZ HAD FILE OR FOLDER END PAGE 1

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ABOUT 1 INCH THICK WHICH HE SAID CONTAINED STOLEN UFW OR UFW-RELATED DOCUMENTS. DOCUMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS ACCESSIBLE TO SCHWARTZ REPORTEDLY TAKEN IN VARIOUS ROBBERIES OR "FROM INSIDE" UFW BY AN INFORMANT AT DIRECTION OF 2 CALIFORNIA GROWERS, ONE WITH LAST NAME D'ARRIGO WHO IS IN LETTUCE AND GRAPE GROWING BUSINESS IN SALINAS, FRESNO, AND IMPERIAL VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, AND ANOTHER, NAME NOT GIVEN, WHO WAS LARGE GRAPE GROWER IN DELANO, CALIFORNIA. SCHWARTZ CLAIMS TO REPRESENT MAN WHO IS TO BE INDICTED MARCH 29, 1974, FOR FRAUD AT UNKNOWN LOCATION AND REFERRED TO THIS MAN AS HIS CLIENT, INDICATING AT TIMES MORE THAN ONE PERSON WAS INVOLVED IN BREAK-INS. SCHWARTZ EXHIBITED HANDWRITTEN LIST OF PAST "ROBBERIS" WHICH INCLUDED



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WITH UFW DURING PAST 5 YEARS.

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NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF SAN FRANCISCO, FILIPINO HALL AT DELANO (THIS HALL WAS VICTIM OF ARMED ROBBERY DURING ABOUT 1968 AT WHICH TIME SOME UFW PAPERS STOLEN),

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AND CATHOLIC CHURCH OFFICE, CITY NOT RECALLED.

BUT WOULD NOT PERMIT CLOSE EXAMINATION. DOCUMENTS HE WAS ALLOWED TO REVIEW CONTAINED INNOCUOUS INFORMATION.

INDICTMENT OF SCHWARTZ'S CLIENT FOR FRAUD SUPPOSEDLY TO TAKE
PLACE MARCH 29, 1974, AND \$25,000 NEEDED TO GET OUT OF TROUBLE.

SCHWARTZ ASKED C OHEN TO PAY \$35,000 FOR ALL DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION
AVAILABLE TO HIM. COHEN SAID HE HAD NO INTENTION OF BUYING STOLEN

UFW PROPERTY AND LEFT SCHWARTZ WITH IMPRESSION UFW WOULD NOT PAY
ANY MONEY AND THAT IF HE FELT CRIME HAD BEEN COMMITTED HE MIGHT
REPORT MATTER TO AUTHORITIES.

SCHWARTZ SAID JOHN HARMER, CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLYMAN FROM LOS ANGELES AREA, WAS AWARE OF STOLEN MATERIAL AND WAS USING INFORMATION END PAGE 3 PAGE 4 SC 44-625

FOR POLITICAL GAIN BUT GAVE NO MORE SPECIFICS CONCERNING THIS
MATTER. SCHWARTZ MENTIONED CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF GROWERS BUT DID NOT
ELABORATE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THIS ORGANIZATION INVOLVED. SCHWARTZ
CLAIMED HE HAD APPROACHED DELANO GROWER WHOSE NAME HE DID NOT
DEVULGE WITH PROPOSITION TO SELL INFORMATION BUT WAS REJECTED.
SCHWARTZ PLANNED NEXT TO CONTACT

. SCHWARTZ SAID HIS CLIENT WOULD POSSIBLY DESIRE TO MEET COHEN AND THAT HE WOULD CONTACT COHEN ON OR ABOUT MARCH 29, 1974. COHEN IS WILLING TO ACCEPT OFFER OF ANOTHER MEETING AND PROMISED TO IMMEDIATELY ADVISE FBI OF ANY FURTHER CONTACT.

COHEN DESCRIBED SCHWARTZ AS WHITE MALE IN MID-40S, 6 FEET 2
INCHES, 215 POUNDS, DARK HAIR, EYES UNKNOWN, DEEP VOICE, NO NOTICEABLE MARKS, WHO CHAIN-SMOKED CAMEL CIGARETTES AND WAS DRESSED IN
SPORT COAT AND TIE.

COHEN ADVISED HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY SCHWARTZ AND SUBSE-WALL TO ABOVE INTERVIEW AT KEANE, COHEN CONTACTED RESIDENT AGENCY END PAGE 4

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	IN BAKERSFIELD AND ADVISED CALLED HIM MARCH 28, 1974, (BX)(F)	
	AND SAID HE HAD MET SCHWARTZ IN BURLINGAME, CALIFORNIA. SCHWARTZ	
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UACB, SACRAMENTO WILL FOLLOW PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH
BY BUREAU TO COVER ANY MEETING BETWEEN SCHWARTZ AND COHEN AND ATTEMPT
TO DISCREETLY DETERMINE IF SCHWARTZ WAS REGISTERED AT HILTON HOTEL
IN BAKERSFIELD. IN VIEW OF ABOVE INFORMATION BEING RATHER NONSPECIFIC, IT IS NOT FELT ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED AT THIS TIME.

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RE SACRAMENTO TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND SAN FRANCISCO, APR. 3, 1974.

SUBJECT TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED BAKERSFIELD RA APR. 3, 1974, 20
THAT HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONFER WITH HIS ATTORNEY UNTIL APR. 6,
1974, AND WOULD THEREAFTER MAKE APPOINTMENT TO BE INTERVIEWED BY
FBI IN BAKERSFIELD. SUBJECT STATED HE DOES NOT DESIRE TO BE
CONTACTED AT SAN JOSE.

SUBJECT WILL BE INTERVIEWED WHEN AND IN HE MAKES HIMSELF AVAILABLE.

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RE BUREAU TEL CALL FROM SUPERVISOR

TO ASAC.

SACRAMENTO, MAR. 27, 1974.

JERRY COHEN, CHIEF COUNSEL, UNITED FARM WORKERS (UFW), CONTACTED TODAY AT UFW HEADQUARTERS IN KEANE, CALIF., AND ADVISED HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER AT 10:00 A. M., MAR. 28, 1974.

COHEN SAID NO MEETING WITH FRED SCHWARTZ HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO DATE, BUT SCHWARTZ IS SUPPOSED TO RECONTACT HIM MAR. 29, 1974.

BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF RESULTS OF COHEN INTERVIEW BY TELETYPE.

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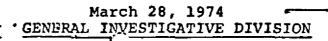
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This concerns a new Civil Rights investigation to be conducted by our Sacramento Division involving United Farm Workers (UFW) in California.

On 3/27/74, Mr. William L. Gardner, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, advised he had been contacted by attorney Jerry Cohen, UFW, Bakersfield, California, who advised he, in turn, had been contacted by a Fred Schwartz who allegedly represented one of three persons responsible for a number of burglaries of UFW offices in California during the past year. Schwartz offered to sell to the UFW certain documents and literature obtained during these robberies for a sum of \$35,000 and indicated persons conducting robberies reported to John Harmer, a California State legislator and to the California Council of Growers. Cohen had delayed responding to Schwartz's offer and arranged to have Schwartz recontact him 3/29/74.

Department requested investigation be conducted under possible violation Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241, involving a conspiracy to deny UFW rights guaranteed by labor law statutes. requested Cohen be interviewed for full details; attempts be made for Agents to observe future meetings between Cohen and Schwartz; that Cohen be interviewed immediately following meeting with Schwartz; and attempts be made to identify true identity of Schwartz. They requested no dissemination of information be made to local authorities at this time.

Sacramento Division was advised to conduct the requested investigation. The attached advises attempts to contact Cohen 3/27/74 negative; however, he will be available for interview 3/28/74. They have been instructed to sutel summary of Cohen's interview. being followed closely and you will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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TO SACS SACRAMENTO (44-625)

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UNSUB; JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS, BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM: CIVIL RIGHTS OO: SC.

RESCTEL TO BUREAU AND SAN FRANCISCO MARCH 31, 1974.

THIS MATTER DISCUSSED WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND THEY REQUESTED INVESTIGATION CONTINUE TO FULLY IDENTIFY FRED SCHWARTZ, ALSO KNOWN AS, CHARLES SCHWARTZ, THE INDIVIDUAL WHO MET WITH CHIEF COUNSEL JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS (UFW) AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA, MARCH 25, 1974, AND MARCH 31, 1974.

SACRAMENTO AND SAN FRANCISCO EXPEDITE EFFORTS TO
IDENTIFY SCHWARTZ. ONCE HE IS PROPERLY IDENTIFIED, SUTEL
SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION AND FOLLOW WITH LHM CONTAINING
FULL DETAILS THIS INVESTIGATION. ONCE IDENTIFIED, NO ATTEMPT
SHOULD BE MADE TO INTERVIEW INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS SCHWARTZ
UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU.

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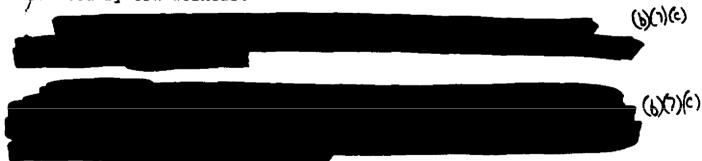
ALLEGING THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE GROWERS BAD BEEN VIOLATED.

BY THE UFWU.

BASED UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED, IT IS NOT KNOWN IF
THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE PERSONS
DESCRIBED IN RESCTEL. BUFILES CONTAIN NUMEROUS REFERENCES
TO A CHARLES AND FRED SCHWARTZ; HOWEVER, DUE TO THE NUMBER
OF REFERENCES AND THE LACK OF MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION,
NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO REVIEW THESE REFERENCES.

TELETYPE TO SACS, SC, SF RE: UNSUB; JERRY COHEN - VICTIM

This concerns a limited Civil Rights investigation being conducted by our Sacramento Division, pursuant to a Departmental request, into alleged break-ins of UFW offices and an attempt by one Fred Schwartz to sell documents taken during these break-ins to the UFW for a sum of \$35,000. By teletype 3/31/74, SC Division advised Schwartz met with victim 3/31/74 and offered to sell documents taken during course of 16 break-ins for a total of \$25,000. These break-ins occurred during 1966 - 1970 and documents allegedly have been in possession of House Un-American Activities Committee in the Schwartz named 3 major California growers as having hired individuals to do break-ins and indicated documents taken were periodically reviewed by military intelligence and other unknown agencies. He claimed 2 persons currently being paid "hush money," one in Mexico and one in Spain, and that periodically Agents of Army Intelligence or CIA send money to these two individuals through one of the three California growers. Schwartz refused victim close examination of documents, but stated he was a former policeman and desired to write book about matter. 4/1/74, Mr. William L. Gardner, CRD, advised investigation should continue to fully identify Schwartz and once identified. information developed during investigation should be furnished to appropriate local and Federal authorities. This instructs SC and SF to expedite investigation to identify Schwartz and to suLHM results. Indicates growers Jack Pandol and Martin J. Zahinovich filed CR complaint with our SCO 8/73 , alleging rights of growers had been violated by UFW workers.



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JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, AKA FRED SCHWARTZ: JERRY UNITED FARM WORKERS, KEENE, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM. CR.

TITLE CHANGED TO SHOW IDENTITY OF SUBJECT AND CORRECT LOCATI OF UNITED FARM WORKERS (UFW) OFFICE AS KEENE, CALIFORNIA. FORMERLY CARRIED AS "UNSUB, JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS, BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM, CR."

RE SC AND SF TELETYPES TO THE BUREAU, APRIL 1. 1974.

SUBJECT, WHITE MALE, BORN JUNE 28, 1929, GULFPORT, LOUISIANA, SSAN 571-20-3939, WAS CONTACTED BY BUAGENTS AT BAKERSFIELD, APRIL 2, ON TELEPHONE APRIL 1, 1974, OTT 1974, AND ADMITTED HIS IDENTITY AS SET FORTH ABOVE. ADMITTED CONTACTING SA USING NAME OF FRED SCHWARTZ TO ARRANGE FOR MEETING THE FBI. BAKERSFIELD, ON APRIL 4, 1974. SUBJECT DECLINED TO DISCUSS DATAI

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SCHWARIZ:

DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS HE HAS BEEN SELF-EMPLOYED IN PUBLIC RELATIONS BUSINESS. DURING SAME TIME HE AND OTHERS WERE ENGAGED IN GATHERING INTELLIGENCE FOR CERTAIN CALIFORNIA GROWERS, MAINLY CONCERNING UFW. HE IS NOW "BOXED IN" BECAUSE OF SUCH ACTIVITIES AND IS IN DEBT IN AMOUNT OF \$20,000 RE PAST LOAN, WITH PRESSURE BEING EXERTED FOR REPAYMENT. IN CONNECTION WITH LOAN, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, SAN JOSE, NOW CONTEMPLATING CRIMINAL FRAUD CHARGES AGAINST HIM AND ANOTHER MAN WHO HE DESCRIBED AS HAVING NINE CHILDREN. HE WOULD NOT ELABORATE ON ABOVE, BUT SAID HE INTENDS TO KEEP APPOINTMENT WITH SA ON APRIL 4, 1974, AND MAY HAVE ATTORNEY WITH HIM. (6)77)

UACB DUCOTE WILL BE INTERVIEWED ON APRIL 4, 1974, IN PRESENCE OF ATTORNEY IF NECESSARY.

LOS ANGELES DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION REQUESTED IN REFERENCED SACRAMENTO TELETYPE.

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UNSUB; JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS (UFW), BAKERSFIELD,

CALIF. - VICTIM; CR.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO SACRAMENTO APR. 1, 1974.

FOR INFORMATION OF SAN FRANCISCO, ONE FRED SCHWARTZ, WHITE

MALE, AGE 45 TO 50; 6 FT. 1 IN., TO 6 FT. 2 INS.; 215 LBS., GRAY HAIR, HAD A PRE-ARRANGED MEETING WITH VICTIM COHEN, CHIEF COUNSEL, EX. 116 REC-14 LFX. 116 REC-15 LFX. 116 REC-16 LFX. 116 REC-16 LFX. 116 REC-16 LFX. 116 REC-17 LFX. 116 RE

1974, AT BAKERSFIELD BETWEEN COHEN AND SCHWARTZ, WHICH MEETING WAS OBSERVED BY BUREAU AGENTS AND ASKING PRICE WAS REDUCED TO \$25,000.

THESE DOCUMENTS OFFERED BY SCHWARTZ SUPPOSEDLY RELATE TO CALIF.

GROWERS WHO PAID FOR BREAK-INS OF UFW OFFICES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

IN 1960'S.

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SCHWARTZ WAS OBSERVED BY AGENTS TO LEAVE MAR. 31, 1974, MEETING
IN 1974 BUICK, CALIF. LICENSE 814 JZH, AND PROCEEDED TO HILTON INN,
BAKERSFIELD. CAR IS REGISTERED TO NATIONAL CAR RENTAL, CARE OF
SAN LUIS OBISPO. HILTON RECORDS REFLECT DUCOTE,

REGISTERED WITH SAME LICENSE NUMBER MAR. 30, 1974, AND DUE TO CHECK OUT APR. 1, 1974.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, SACRAMENTO INADVERTENTLY REFERRED TO FRED SCHWARTZ AS CHARLES SCHWARTZ IN TELETYPE OF MAR. 31, 1974. PHOTOS TAKEN DURING FISUR OF MAR. 31, 1974, BEING DEVELOPED.

ON EVENING OF MAR. 31, 1974, COHEN SAID SCHWARTZ TELEPHONED AND COHEN TOLD HIM UFW BOARD WOULD NOT PAY. COHEN THEN, OF HIS OWN VOLITION, TOLD SCHWARTZ HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF USDJ REGARDING THIS MATTER AND WAS ADVISED TO TELL SCHWARTZ TO CONTACT FBI.

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CALIF. DMV RECORDS REVEAL DRIVER'S LICENSE PHOTO REPRODUCING
SECTION UNDER REPAIR UNTIL APR. 2, 1974; HOWEVER, THERE ARE DRIVER'S
LICENSES LISTED FOR JERRY DUCOTE,
AND

BOTH BEING CURRENT

DRIVER'S LICENSES. THESE RECORDS DESCRIBED DUCOTE

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COHEN ADVISED ON APR. 1, 1974, HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL AT 3:00 P.M. FROM SCHWARTZ WHO SAID HE NEEDED IMMEDIATE CASH OF \$600 TO \$1,000 FOR BAIL, AND IN RETURN, IS WILLING TO SIGN STATEMENT IMPLICATING CERTAIN CALIF. GROWERS IN 16 BURGLARIES. SCHWARTZ SAID BOND WAS BETWEEN \$6,000 AND \$10,000 AND SAID, "WE NEED BAIL BAD". HE SOUNDED VERY DESPERATE AND MENTIONED ONE OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN BURGLARIES HAD MINE CHILDREN. COHEN SAID HE CONFERRED END PAGE THREE

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WITH UFW DIRECTOR CAESAR CHAVEZ CONCERNING WHAT COURSE TO TAKE, AND CHAVEZ TOLD HIM YO "ASK THE FBI". COHEN HAS RECOMMENDED NO MONEY BE PAID SCHWARTZ BUT EXPECTS FURTHER CONTACT FROM SCHWARTZ.

PRETEXT CALL TO HILTON INN SWITCHBOARD 3:45 P. M., APR. 1, 1974. INDICATES DUCOTE STILL REGISTERED.

AT 4:20 P. M., APR. 1, 1974, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IDENTIFIED

HIMSELF AS FRED SCHWARTZ CONTACTED SA

RA AND ADVISED HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH COHEN, THAT COHEN HAD

TALKED TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S OFFICE, WHO WOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS

FOR HIM, SCHWARTZ, TO FURHISH INFORMATION TO FBI. SCHWARTZ DECLINED

TO DISCUSS MATTER ON TELEPHONE AND MADE APPOINTMENT TO APPEAR AT

BAKERSFIELD RA 9:30 A. M., APR. 4, 1974.

ABOVE DMV DESCRIPTIONS INDICATE THAT NEITHER DUCOTE NOR

IDENTICAL TO UNSUB; THEREFORE, BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE

IF THIS MATTER SHOULD BE PURSUED TO EXTENT OF OPENLY CONTACTING

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